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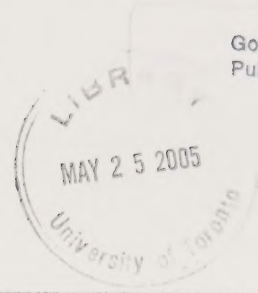
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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, October 12, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose
Don H. Bell
Guy Côté
Charles Hubbard
Yvan Loubier
John McKay
Maria Minna
Massimo Pacetti
Monte Solberg
Judy Wasylycia-Leis

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Barry Devolin for Brian Pallister

OTHER MEMBER PRESENT:

Louise Thibault

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexander Laurin, Library of Parliament.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, October 12, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Barry Devolin for Brian Pallister.

Other Members present: Louise Thibault.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal. *As Individual:* Alexander Laurin, Library of Parliament.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Maria Minna, it was agreed, — That Massimo Pacetti be elected Chair of the Committee.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Vice-Chairs.

On motion of Rona Ambrose, it was agreed, — That Charlie Penson be elected as Official Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Monte Solberg, it was agreed, — That Yvan Loubier be elected as Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

The Committee proceeded to the routine motions.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be composed of the Chair, two Vice-Chairs, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance and a member from the other opposition party.

It was agreed, — That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive and publish evidence when a quorum is not present provided that the Chair and at least two (2) members are present including a member of the opposition and provided that if no member of the Opposition is present 10 minutes after the designated start of the meeting, the meeting may proceed.

It was agreed, — That the Committee retain the services of one or more analysts from the Library of Parliament, as needed, to assist the Committee in its work, at the discretion of the Chair.

It was agreed, — That, witnesses be given up to 10 minutes for their opening statement; that during the questioning of witnesses, the time allocated to each questioner be as follows: On the first round of questioning, up to 10 minutes for the first question of each party. On the following rounds of questioning, up to 5 minutes for each subsequent questioner at the discretion of the Chair.

It was agreed, — That one copy of the transcript of all *in camera* meetings be kept in the Committee Clerk's office for consultation by members of the Committee.

It was agreed, — That whenever an Order in Council appointment is referred to the Committee, the Clerk shall obtain and circulate to each Member of the Committee a copy of the said appointment, that the Committee be informed, and the Clerk shall obtain and circulate to each Member of the Committee a copy of the said appointment with the appointee's curriculum vitae.

It was agreed, — That, if requested, reasonable travel, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses not exceeding two (2) representatives per organization; and that, in exceptional circumstances, payment for more representatives be at the discretion of the Chair.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide for working meals for the Committee and its Subcommittees.

On motion of Yvan Loubier, it was agreed, — That the meetings of the Committee be normally televised except when the Committee's meeting is in-camera or if there is no meeting room available for broadcasting.

It was agreed, — That, except for amendments to bills, (48) hours' notice be given before any substantive motion is considered by the Committee; and That the motion be filed with the Clerk of the Committee and circulated to members in both official languages. Upon receipt of the notice, the Clerk shall put the motion on the agenda of the Committee's next meeting.

At 3:56 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2004/10/13 2:03 p.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 2

Thursday, October 14, 2004

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

Thursday, October 14, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met *in camera* at 9:34 a.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Attending Members present: David Tilson for Brian Pallister.

Attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: June Dewetering, principal; Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on Duty Remission and The Zero-Rating of Duties on Textile Inputs: The Canadian Apparel Industry (Fourth Report, 37th Parliament, 3rd session).

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on Small Business Tax Measures; Review of Excise Duties and Taxes: 1. Winemakers 2. Small Brewers 3. Jewellers 4. Agricultural Cooperatives (37th Parliament, 3rd session)

At 10:34 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2004/10/15 11:27 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, October 19, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on Duty Remission and The Zero-Rating of Tariffs on Textile Inputs: The Canadian Apparel Industry (Fourth Report, 37th Parliament, 3rd session)

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on Small Business Tax Measures; Review of Excise Duties and Taxes

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the Motion of Yvan Loubier

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose
Don H. Bell
Guy Côté
Charles Hubbard
Yvan Loubier
Hon. John McKay
Maria Minna
Massimo Pacetti
Brian Pallister
Charlie Penson
Monte Solberg
Judy Wasylycia-Leis

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:

June Dewetering, principal;

Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, October 19, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met *in camera* at 9:04 a.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: June Dewetering, principal; Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Duty Remission and The Zero-Rating of Tariffs on Textile Inputs: The Canadian Apparel Industry (Fourth Report, 37th Parliament, 3rd session).

It was agreed, — That the evidence and documentation presented to the Standing Committee on Finance during the 3rd session of the 37th Parliament in relation to its study on DUTY REMISSION AND THE ZERO-RATING TARIFFS ON TEXTILE INPUTS: THE CANADIAN APPAREL INDUSTRY be deemed received by this Committee in this session.

It was agreed, — That the Fourth Report (DUTY REMISSION AND THE ZERO-RATING OF TARIFFS ON TEXTILE INPUTS: THE CANADIAN APPAREL INDUSTRY) of the Standing Committee on Finance in the 3rd session of the 37th Parliament be adopted again as a report of this Committee and that the Chair do present it to the House.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the committee request a global response from the Government.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on Small Business Tax Measures: Review of Excise Duties and Taxes.

It was agreed, — That the evidence and documentation presented to the Standing Committee on Finance during the 3rd session of the 37th Parliament in relation to its study on SMALL BUSINESS TAX MEASURES be deemed received by this Committee in this session.

On motion of Charlie Penson, it was agreed that the report as amended be adopted and that the Chair table the report to the House.

It was agreed that pursuant Standing Order 109, the Committee request a global response from the Government.

The sitting resumed in public.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the Motion of Yvan Loubier.

Pursuant the motion on 48 hour motion notice agreed on Tuesday, October 12, 2004, Yvan Loubier moved the following motion:

That the Finance Committee mandate four specialists in budgetary estimates, one per political party, to provide quarterly estimates on the federal government's revenues, expenditures and surpluses and to take a critical look at the

figures provided by the Department in these regards, such special group to be accountable only to the Finance Committee and paid by it.

The group would continue its work until such time as the Committee made recommendations, in the context of its Order of Reference arising from the Speech from the Throne, on independent tax advice on the estimates

At 9:48 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2004/10/20 9:16 a.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti.

Meeting No. 4

Thursday, October 21, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed on a motion of Yvan Loubier

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Don H. Bell,
Guy Côté,
Charles Hubbard,
Yvan Loubier,
John McKay,
Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Brian Pallister,
Charlie Penson,
Monte Solberg
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
June Dewetering, principal;
Alexandre Laurin, analyst.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 4

Thursday, October 21, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 9:31 a.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: June Dewetering, principal; Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed on the following motion of Yvan Loubier:

Yvan Loubier moved, — That the Finance Committee mandate four specialists in budgetary estimates, one per political party, to provide quarterly estimates on the federal government's revenues, expenditures and surpluses and to take a critical look at the figures provided by the Department in these regards, such special group to be accountable only to the Finance Committee and paid by it.

The group would continue its work until such time as the Committee made recommendations, in the context of its Order of Reference arising from the Speech from the Throne, on independent tax advice on the estimates.

Charlie Penson moved, — That the motion be amended by deleting the last paragraph (the yellow part) and inserting after the word "That" in the first line, the following: "in relation to the Order of Reference arising from the Throne Speech, the Committee begin a study and make recommendations relating to the provisions of independent fiscal forecasting advice for parliamentarians including the consideration of the recommendations of the external expert, and until the committee reports.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Charlie Penson and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

The question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 4.

At 10:05 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2004/10/22 8:21 a.m.

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38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, October 26, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of the Report of the Governor of the Bank of Canada on Monetary Policy.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Don H. Bell,
Guy Côté,
Charles Hubbard,
Yvan Loubier,
John McKay,
Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Charlie Penson,
Monte Solberg,
Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
June Dewetering, principal;
Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

WITNESSES:

Bank of Canada:

David A. Dodge, Governor;
Paul Jenkins, Senior Deputy Governor.

David A. Dodge made a statement and, with Paul Jenkins, answered questions.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, October 26, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: June Dewetering, principal; Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

Witnesses: Bank of Canada: David A. Dodge, Governor; Paul Jenkins, Senior Deputy Governor.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of the Report of the Governor of the Bank of Canada on Monetary Policy.

David A. Dodge made a statement and, with Paul Jenkins, answered questions.

At 5:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2004/10/27 10:04 a.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti.

Meeting No. 6

Wednesday, October 27, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee commenced its pre-budget consultations 2004.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Don H. Bell,
Guy Côté,
Charles Hubbard,
John McKay,
Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Charlie Penson,
Monte Solberg
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Réal Lapierre for Yvan Loubier.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
June Dewetering, principal;
Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Council on Social Development:

John Anderson, Vice-President, Strategic Partnership and Alliances.

The Conference Board of Canada:

Charles Barrett, Senior Vice-President, Program Strategy and Delivery;
Glen Hodgson, Vice-President and Chief Economist.

C.D. Howe Institute:

Jack Mintz, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives:

Ellen Russell, Senior Research Fellow.

Caledon Institute of Social Policy:

Sherri Torjman, Vice-President.

The Fraser Institute:

Niels Veldhuis, Senior Research Economist.

Canadian Taxpayers' Federation:

Bruce Winchester, Research Director.

Charles Barrett, Glen Hodgson, Niels Velkhuis, Bruce Winchester, Ellen Russell, Sherri Torjman, Jack Mintz and John Anderson made statements and, with Armine Yalnizyan, answered questions.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 6

Wednesday, October 27, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Réal Lapierre for Yvan Loubier.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: June Dewetering, principal; Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Council on Social Development: John Anderson, Vice-President, Strategic Partnership and Alliances. *The Conference Board of Canada:* Charles Barrett, Senior Vice-President, Program Strategy and Delivery; Glen Hodgson, Vice-President and Chief Economist. *C.D. Howe Institute:* Jack Mintz, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives:* Ellen Russell, Senior Research Fellow. *Caledon Institute of Social Policy:* Sherri Torjman, Vice-President. *The Fraser Institute:* Niels Veldhuis, Senior Research Economist. *Canadian Taxpayers' Federation:* Bruce Winchester, Research Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee commenced its pre-budget consultations 2004.

Charles Barrett, Glen Hodgson, Niels Velkhuis, Bruce Winchester, Ellen Russell, Sherri Torjman, Jack Mintz and John Anderson made statements and, with Armine Yalnizyan, answered questions.

At 5:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2004/11/04 4:18 p.m.

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38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 7

Thursday, October 28, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2): discussions on Financial Issues

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose
Don H. Bell
Guy Côté
Charles Hubbard
Yvan Loubier
Hon. John McKay
Hon. Maria Minna
Massimo Pacetti
Brian Pallister
Charlie Penson
Monte Solberg
Judy Wasylycia-Leis

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
June Dewetering, principal;
Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Ralph Goodale, Minister of Finance

WITNESSES:

Department of Finance:

Paul Boothe, Associate Deputy Minister, (On behalf of the Deputy Minister);

Paul-Henri Lapointe, Assistant Deputy Minister, Economic and Fiscal Policy Branch;

Frank Swedlove, Assistant Deputy Minister, Financial Sector Policy.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 7

Thursday, October 28, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 9:39 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: June Dewetering, principal; Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Ralph Goodale, Minister of Finance.

Witnesses: Department of Finance: Paul Boothe, Associate Deputy Minister, (On behalf of the Deputy Minister); Paul-Henri Lapointe, Assistant Deputy Minister, Economic and Fiscal Policy Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2): discussions on Financial Issues

The Minister made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:36 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2004/10/28 2:01 p.m.

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38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti.

Meeting No. 8

Thursday, October 28, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Expenditure Review.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Don H. Bell,
Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Brian Pallister
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Bouchard for Yvan Loubier,
Michel Guimond for Guy Côté,
and Guy Lauzon for Rona Ambrose.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
June Dewetering, principal;
Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. John McCallum, Minister of National Revenue.

WITNESS:

Privy Council Office:

Munir Sheikh, Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet, Expenditure
Review.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 8

Thursday, October 28, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Don H. Bell, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Robert Bouchard for Yvan Loubier, Michel Guimond for Guy Côté and Guy Lauzon for Rona Ambrose.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: June Dewetering, principal; Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

Appearing: Hon. John McCallum, Minister of National Revenue.

Witnesses: Privy Council Office: Munir Sheikh, Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet, Expenditure Review.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Expenditure Review.

The Minister made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2004/10/29 10:39 a.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti.

Meeting No. 9

Tuesday, November 2, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee commenced its pre-budget consultations 2004.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Don H. Bell,
Yvan Loubier,
John McKay,
Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti
and Charlie Penson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Harris for Monte Solberg,
Jack Layton for Judy Wasylycia-Leis,
and Caroline St-Hilaire for Guy Côté.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal.
Library of Parliament:
Alexandre Laurin, Library of Parliament.

WITNESSES:

Air Transport Association of Canada:

Warren Everson, Vice-President, Policy.

Chamber of Maritime Commerce:

Raymond W. Johnston, President.

Railway Association of Canada:

Chris Jones, Director, Government Relations.

Federation of Canadian Municipalities:

James Knight, Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Trucking Alliance:

Stephen Laskowski, Associate Vice President.

Shipping Federation of Canada:

Anne Legars, Director, Policy and Government Affairs.

Canadian Trucking Alliance:

Ron Lennox, Vice-President, Regulatory Affairs.

Federation of Canadian Municipalities:

Ann MacLean, President & Mayor of New Glasgow, N.S..

Railway Association of Canada:

Sab Meffe, Assistant Vice-President.

Canadian Shipowners Association:

Don Morrison, President.

Road and Infrastructure Program Canada:

Jeff Morrison, Executive Director.

Canadian Urban Transit Association:

Michael W. Roschlau, President, chief executive officer .

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 9

Tuesday, November 2, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 9:35 a.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Don H. Bell, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti and Charlie Penson.

Acting Members present: Richard Harris for Monte Solberg, Jack Layton for Judy Wasylycia-Leis and Caroline St-Hilaire for Guy Côté.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal. *Library of Parliament:* Alexandre Laurin, Library of Parliament.

Witnesses: Air Transport Association of Canada: Warren Everson, Vice-President, Policy. *Chamber of Maritime Commerce:* Raymond W. Johnston, President. *Railway Association of Canada:* Chris Jones, Director, Government Relations. *Federation of Canadian Municipalities:* James Knight, Chief Executive Officer. *Canadian Trucking Alliance:* Stephen Laskowski, Associate Vice President. *Shipping Federation of Canada:* Anne Legars, Director, Policy and Government Affairs. *Canadian Trucking Alliance:* Ron Lennox, Vice-President, Regulatory Affairs. *Federation of Canadian Municipalities:* Ann MacLean, President & Mayor of New Glasgow, N.S.. *Railway Association of Canada:* Sab Meffe, Assistant Vice-President. *Canadian Shipowners Association:* Don Morrison, President. *Road and Infrastructure Program Canada:* Jeff Morrisson, Executive Director. *Canadian Urban Transit Association:* Michael W. Roschlau, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee commenced its pre-budget consultations 2004.

Ann MacLean and Jeff Morrisson, made statements and with James Knight, answered questions.

At 11:02 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:04 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Raymond Johnston, Michael Roschlau, Anne Legars, Chris Jones, Sab Meffe, Stephen Laskowski, Don Morrison and Warren Everson made statements and with Robert Olivier and Ron Lennox, answered questions.

At 12:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2004/11/02 2:33 p.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, November 2, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee commenced its pre-budget consultations 2004

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose
Don H. Bell
Guy Côté
Yvan Loubier
Hon. John McKay
Hon. Maria Minna
Massimo Pacetti
Charlie Penson
Monte Solberg
Judy Wasylycia-Leis

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
June Dewetering, principal.
Library of Parliament:
Alexandre Laurin.

WITNESSES:

Congress of Aboriginal Peoples:

Patrick Brazeau, Vice-Chief, Governance Legislative Initiative Secretariat.

Canadian Centre for Philanthropy:

Peter Broder, Acting Vice-President, Public Affairs;
Georgina-Steinsky Schwartz, President & C.E.O.

Association of Fundraising Professionals:

Tad Brown;
Michael Nilsen, Director, Public Affairs.

Native Women's Association of Canada:

Terri Brown, President.

Canadian Association of Gift Planners:

Malcolm Burrows, Chair, Government Relations, Scotia Private Client Group, Executive Office.

Voluntary Sector Forum:

Jean Christie, Executive Director;
Laurie Rektor, Manager, National Issues.

Pauktuutit (Inuit Women's Association):

Jennifer Dickson, Executive Director;
Mary Palliser, President.

Congress of Aboriginal Peoples:

Dwight A. Dorey, National Chief.

The Métis Nation of Ontario:

Tony Belcourt, Representative;
Kathy Hodgson-Smith, Interim Executive Director.

Assembly of First Nations:

Richard Jock, Executive Director;
Robert Watts, Chief of Staff.

Health Charities Coalition of Canada:

David Armour, Steering Committee Member and CEO, Canadian Medical Foundation;
Marjolaine Lalonde, Director.

Community Foundations of Canada:

Monica Patten, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Philanthropic Foundations Canada:

Hilary Pearson, President and CEO.

Richard Jock, Robert Watts, Tony Belcourt, Mary Palliser, Jennifer Dickson and Dwight Dorey made statements and answered questions.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, November 2, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: June Dewetering, principal. *Library of Parliament:* Alexandre Laurin, Library of Parliament.

Witnesses: Congress of Aboriginal Peoples: Patrick Brazeau, Vice-Chief, Governance Legislative Initiative Secretariat. *Canadian Centre for Philanthropy:* Peter Broder, Acting Vice-President, Public Affairs. *Association of Fundraising Professionals:* Tad Brown. *Canadian Centre for Philanthropy:* Georgina Steinsky Schwartz, President & C.E.O.. *Native Women's Association of Canada:* Terri Brown, President. *Canadian Association of Gift Planners:* Malcolm Burrows, Chair, Government Relations, Scotia Private Client Group, Executive Office. *Voluntary Sector Forum:* Jean Christie, Executive Director; Laurie Rektor, Manager, National Issues. *Pauktuutit (Inuit Women's Association):* Jennifer Dickson, Executive Director. *Congress of Aboriginal Peoples:* Dwight A. Dorey, National Chief. *Métis National Council:* Kathy Hodgson-Smith, Interim Executive Director; Tony Belcourt, Representative. *Assembly of First Nations:* Richard Jock, Executive Director. *Health Charities Coalition of Canada:* Marjolaine Lalonde, Director; David Armour, Steering Committee Member and CEO Canadian Medical Fdn.. *Association of Fundraising Professionals:* Michael Nilsen, Director, Public Affairs. *Pauktuutit (Inuit Women's Association):* Mary Palliser, President. *Community Foundations of Canada:* Monica Patten, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Philanthropic Foundations Canada:* Hilary Pearson, President and CEO.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2004.

Georgina Steinsky-Schwartz, Jean Christie, Tad Brown, Hilary Pearson, Monica Patten, Malcolm Burrows, Marjolaine Lalonde made statements, and with Laurie Rektor, answered questions.

At 5:09 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:16 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Richard Jock, Robert Walsh, Tony Belcourt, Mary Palliser, Jennifer Dickson and Dwight Dorey made statements and answered questions.

At 6:19 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2004/11/03 12:17 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti.

Meeting No. 11

Wednesday, November 3, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee commenced its pre-budget consultations 2004.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Don H. Bell,
Guy Côté,
Yvan Loubier,
John McKay,
Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Brian Pallister,
Charlie Penson,
Monte Solberg
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras for Guy Côté,
Gary Carr for Charles Hubbard,
and Nathan Cullen for Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:

June Dewetering, principal;
Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

House of Commons:

Eugene Morawski, Committee Clerk.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Council for International Cooperation:

Gerry Barr, President-CEO.

David Suzuki Foundation:

Heather Deal, Marine Strategist;
Dale Marshall, Policy Analyst, Climate Change Program.

Canadian Foundation for Climate and Atmospheric Sciences:

Dawn Conway, Executive Director;
Gordon McBean, Chairman, Board of Trustees.

Health Partners International of Canada:

Jake Epp, Chairman.

Go for Green:

Steve Grundy, Director of Development;
Francine Godin, Executive Director.

Health Partners International of Canada:

John P. Kelsall, President.

Conference of Defence Associations:

Howard Marsh, Consultant, Technology, Strategy and Military
Affairs Research.

KAIROS (Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives):

Micheal Polanyi, Program Coordinator, Canadian Social
Development, KAIROS, Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives;
Joe Gunn, Social Affairs Office, Canadian Conference of Catholic
Bishops.

Conference of Defence Associations:

Alain Pellerin, Executive Director;
Richard J. Evraire, Chairman.

Project Ploughshares:

Ernie Regehr, Director, Institute for Science and International Security.

Clean Air Renewable Energy Coalition:

Mark S. Rudolph, Coordinator.

Green Budget Coalition:

Pierre Sadik, Program Manager.

Nature Conservancy Canada :

Thea Silver, Director of Government and External Relations.

Sierra Club of Canada:

Shawn-Patrick Stensil, Director, Atmosphere and Energy.

Nature Conservancy Canada :

Barry Turner, Director of Government Relations, Ducks Unlimited Canada.

World Vision Canada:

Kathy Vandergrift, Director of Policy.

The University of Western Ontario:

Gordon A. McBean, Ph.D. Professor.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 11

Wednesday, November 3, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylcia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Bernard Bigras for Guy Côté, Gary Carr for Charles Hubbard and Nathan Cullen for Judy Wasylcia-Leis.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: June Dewetering, principal; Alexandre Laurin, analyst. *House of Commons:* Eugene Morawski, Committee Clerk.

Witnesses: Canadian Council for International Cooperation: Gerry Barr, President-CEO. *David Suzuki Foundation:* Heather Deal, Marine Strategist; Dale Marshall, Climate Change Policy Analyst. *Canadian Foundation for Climate and Atmospheric Sciences:* Dawn Conway, Executive Director; Gordon McBean, Chairman, Board of Trustees. *Health Partners International of Canada:* Jake Epp, Chairman. *Go for Green:* Steve Grundy, Director of Development; Francine Godin, Executive Director. *Health Partners International of Canada:* John P. Kelsall, President. *Conference of Defence Associations:* Howard Marsh, Consultant, Technology, Strategy and Military Affairs Research. *KAIROS (Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives):* Micheal Polanyi, Program Coordinator/Canadian Social Development, Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives; Joe Gunn, Board Member. *Conference of Defence Associations:* Alain Pellerin, Executive Director; Richard J. Evraire, Chairman. *Project Ploughshares:* Ernie Regehr, Director, Institute for Science and International Security. *Clean Air Renewable Energy Coalition:* Mark S. Rudolph, Coordinator. *Green Budget Coalition:* Pierre Sadik, Program Manager. *Nature Conservancy Canada :* Thea Silver, Director of Government and External Relations. *Sierra Club of Canada:* Shawn-Patrick Stensil, Director, Atmosphere and Energy. *Nature Conservancy Canada :* Barry Turner, Director of Government Relations. *World Vision Canada:* Kathy Vandergrift, Director of Policy. *The University of Western Ontario:* Gordon A. McBean, Ph.D. Professor.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2004.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:03 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:16 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the Operational Budget on the Pre-Budget Consultations 2004.

It was agreed, — That the proposed Operational Budget be adopted and be presented to the Liaison Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the Motion of Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Pursuant the motion on 48 hour motion notice agreed on Tuesday, October 12, 2004:

That the Standing Committee on Finance, in regard to the October 18, 2004 Order of Reference to the Committee instructing it to make recommendations relating to the provisions of independent fiscal forecasting advice for parliamentarians including the consideration of the recommendations of the external expert, consider the following as the basis of its terms of reference:

Terms of reference

Terms of reference for a review by the standing committee on Finance of independent fiscal forecasting advice for Parliament.

1. To assess whether access to independent fiscal forecasting advice would strengthen Parliament's deliberations regarding budgetary matters and other issues with fiscal implications that come before Parliament from time to time.
2. To recommend as to the most effective mechanism for providing independent fiscal advice to Parliamentarians, whether it be through a new office reporting to Parliament or another mechanism.
3. To recommend as to the nature and range of independent fiscal advice to be available to Parliamentarians, if such a function is established, including but not restricted to:
 - a. Providing independent analysis of budgetary forecasts and projections, specifically respecting likely government revenue and expenditure in light of announced policies;
 - b. Providing independent cost or revenue estimates of budget spending or tax measures respectively;
 - c. Providing independent cost or revenue estimates of spending or tax measures as requested from time to time by Parliamentarians;
 - d. Provide independent quarterly fiscal forecasts, including year end projections, during the course of the fiscal year; and e. Other fiscal projections and estimates as might be requested from time to time by Parliamentarians.
4. To consider how an independent fiscal advisory function would access government data and information necessary to provide reasonable fiscal advice, including but not restricted to tax data, taking into account the need to protect government confidentiality in budget-making and other reasonable requirements for confidentiality.
5. In its deliberations the committee will be able to call on expert testimony, commission studies if required, and will also review mechanisms for providing independent fiscal advice to elected representatives that have been established in other countries, including but not limited to the Congressional Budget Office in the United States.

By unanimous consent, after debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the Motion of Monte Solberg.

Pursuant the Motion on 48 hour motion notice agreed on Tuesday, October 12, 2004, Monte Solberg moved the following Motion:

That the Committee call for all departmental and cabinet documents pertaining to any discussion on the government's projected surplus based on the national accounts that were available in May; that the Minister of Finance respond in writing to the Committee within five working days, as to whether the national accounts, available in May, would have provided sufficient data for the government to revise its projected \$1.9 billion surplus figure closer to \$9.1 billion, and in his letter, the Minister indicate when the Committee can expect the documents requested in this motion.

By unanimous consent, after debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 6:41 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2004/11/05 11:23 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 12

Thursday, November 4, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee commenced its pre-budget consultations 2004.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Guy Côté,
John McKay,
Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti
and Charlie Penson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Carr for Don H. Bell,
David Christopherson for Judy Wasylycia-Leis,
and Carole Lavallée for Yvan Loubier.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
June Dewetering, principal;
Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Chemical Producers' Association:

John B. Arnold, Senior Income Tax Advisor, Imperial Oil Ltd.,
Products & Chemical Division.

Confederation of National Trade Unions:
François Bélanger, Councilor.

Teamsters Canada:
Phil Benson, Lobbyist.

Canadian Council of Chief Executives:
Sam Boutziouvis, Vice-President, Policy and Director of Research.

United Steelworkers of America:
Dennis Deveau, Legislative Director, Legislative Office.

Canadian Union of Public Employees:
Teresa Healy, Research Officer.

Canadian Labour Congress:
Andrew Jackson, Senior Economist.

Canadian Chamber of Commerce (The):
Tina Kremmidas, Senior Economist.

Business Tax Reform Coalition:
Paul Lansbergen, Director, Taxation and Business Issues;
Roger L. Larson, President, Canadian Fertilizer Institute.

*Building and Construction Trades Department, AFL-CIO, Canadian
Office:*
Carol MacLeod, Executive Director, Government Affairs &
Communications.

Teamsters Canada:
Benoit Brunet, Chair, Quebec Legislative Board.

Canadian Chamber of Commerce:
Michael Murphy, Senior Vice-President, Policy.

Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters:
Jayson Myers, Senior Vice-President & Chief Economist.

Confederation of National Trade Unions:
Pierre Patry, Treasurer.

Canadian Chemical Producers' Association:

David F. Podruzny, Senior Manager, Business and Economics.

Canadian Council of Chief Executives:

David Stewart-Patterson, Executive Vice-President.

Canadian Federation of Independent Business:

Catherine Swift, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Conseil du patronat du Québec:

Gilles Taillon, President.

Canadian Federation of Independent Business:

Garth Whyte, Executive Vice-President, National Affairs.

Union of Canadian Transportation Employees:

Michael Wing, National President.

Canadian Labour Congress:

Hassan Yussuff, Secretary Treasurer.

Jayson Myers, Catherine Swift, Gilles Taillon, David Stewart-Patterson, Roger Larson, John Arnold and Michael Murphy made statements and answered questions.

Hassan Yussuff, Pierre Patry, François Bélanger, Dennis Deveau, Michael Wing, Blake Johnston, Teresa Healy and Carol MacLeod made statements and answered questions.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 12

Thursday, November 4, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 9:35 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Guy Côté, John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti and Charlie Penson.

Acting Members present: Gary Carr for Don H. Bell, David Christopherson for Judy Wasylycia-Leis and Carole Lavallée for Yvan Loubier.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: June Dewetering, principal; Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

Witnesses: *Canadian Chemical Producers' Association:* John B. Arnold, Senior Income Tax Advisor, Imperial Oil Ltd., Products & Chemical Division. *Confederation of National Trade Unions:* François Bélanger, Councillor. *Teamsters Canada:* Phil Benson, Lobbyist. *Canadian Council of Chief Executives:* Sam Boutziouvis, Vice-President, Policy and Director of Research. *United Steelworkers of America:* Dennis Deveau, Legislative Director, Legislative Office. *Canadian Union of Public Employees:* Teresa Healy, Research Officer. *Canadian Labour Congress:* Andrew Jackson, Senior Economist. *Canadian Chamber of Commerce (The):* Tina Kremmidas, Senior Economist. *Business Tax Reform Coalition:* Paul Lansbergen, Director, Taxation and Business Issues; Roger L. Larson, President, Canadian Fertilizer Institute. *Building and Construction Trades Department, AFL-CIO, Canadian Office:* Carol MacLeod, Executive Director, Government Affairs & Communications. *Teamsters Canada:* Benoit Brunet, Chair, Quebec Legislative Board. *Canadian Chamber of Commerce (The):* Michael Murphy, Senior Vice-President, Policy. *Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters:* Jayson Myers, Senior Vice-President & Chief Economist. *Confederation of National Trade Unions:* Pierre Patry, Treasurer. *Canadian Chemical Producers' Association:* David F. Podruzny, Senior Manager, Business and Economics. *Canadian Council of Chief Executives:* David Stewart-Patterson, Executive Vice-President. *Canadian Federation of Independent Business:* Catherine Swift, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Conseil du patronat du Québec:* Gilles Taillon, President. *Canadian Federation of Independent Business:* Garth Whyte, Executive Vice-President, National Affairs. *Union of Canadian Transportation Employees:* Michael Wing, National President. *Canadian Labour Congress:* Hassan Yussuff, Secretary Treasurer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2004.

Jayson Myers, Catherine Swift, Gilles Taillon, David Stewart-Patterson, Roger Larson, John Arnold and Michael Murphy made statements and answered questions.

At 11:02 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:08 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Hassan Yussif, Pierre Patry, François Bélanger, Dennis Deveau, Michael Wing, Blake Johnston,

Teresa Healy and Carol MacLeod made statements and answered questions.

At 12:42 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2004/11/17 12:11 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 13

Thursday, November 4, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee commenced its pre-budget consultations 2004

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose
Don H. Bell
Guy Côté
Charles Hubbard
Yvan Loubier
Hon. John McKay
Hon. Maria Minna
Massimo Pacetti
Charlie Penson
Monte Solberg
Judy Wasylycia-Leis

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
June Dewetering, principal;
Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canada West Foundation:

Roger Gibbins, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Montreal Economic Institute:

Norma Kozhaya, Economist.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 13

Thursday, November 4, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: June Dewetering, principal; Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

Witnesses: Canada West Foundation: Roger Gibbins, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Montreal Economic Institute:* Norma Kozhaya, Economist.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2004.

Norma Kozhaya made a statement and answered questions.

Mr. Roger Gibbins made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:51 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2004/11/04 6:03 p.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee commenced its pre-budget consultations 2004

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Don H. Bell
Guy Côté
Yvan Loubier
Hon. John McKay
Hon. Maria Minna
Massimo Pacetti
Charlie Penson
Judy Wasylycia-Leis

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Richard Harris for Monte Solberg

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
June Dewetering, principal;
Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

WITNESSES:

Aerospace Industries Association of Canada:

Peter Boag, President.

Canadian Printing Industries Association:

Pierre Boucher, President.

Cement Association of Canada:

Angela Burton, Director, Government Affairs;

François R. Lacroix, President.

Direct Sellers Association of Canada:

Ross Creber, President;

Jack W. Millar, Member of the Board.

Canadian Automobile Association:

David Flewelling, President.

BIOTEC Canada:

Janet Lambert, President;

John D. Mendlein, Chairman and CEO, Affinium Pharmaceuticals.

Canadian Vehicle Manufacturers' Association:

Mark Nantais, President.

Hotel Association of Canada:

Anthony P. Pollard, President.

Canadian Home Builders' Association:

David Wassmandorf, First Vice-President;

Mary Lawson, President.

Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs:

Patrick Burke, Fire Chief, Niagara Falls.

Association of Canadian Travel Agencies:

Marc-André Charlebois, President.

Canadian Construction Association:

Michael Atkinson, President.

Canadian Real Estate Association:

Pierre Beauchamp, Chief Executive Officer;

Jim Brennan, Government & External Relations.

Canadian Printing Industries Association:

Bob Kadis, Chair, Senior Vice-President of Finance &
Administration, CPIA Government Affairs Committee.

Anthony P. Pollard, Patrick Burke, Marc-André Charlebois, Michael Atkinson, Pierre Beauchamp, Mary Lawson, David Wassmandorf made statements and answered questions.

Peter Boag, Pierre Boucher, Robert Skadis, François Lacroix, Ross Creber, Mark Nantais, Janet Lambert and John Mendlein made statements and answered questions.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 9:30 a.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Charlie Penson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Richard Harris for Monte Solberg.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: June Dewetering, principal; Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

Witnesses: *Aerospace Industries Association of Canada:* Peter Boag, President. *Canadian Printing Industries Association:* Pierre Boucher, President. *Cement Association of Canada:* Angela Burton, Director, Government Affairs. *Direct Sellers Association of Canada:* Ross Creber, President. *Canadian Automobile Association:* David Flewelling, President. *Cement Association of Canada:* François R. Lacroix, President. *BIOTEC Canada:* Janet Lambert, President; John D. Mendlein, Chairman and CEO, Affinium Pharmaceuticals. *Direct Sellers Association of Canada:* Jack W. Millar, Member of the Board. *Canadian Vehicle Manufacturers' Association:* Mark Nantais, President. *Hotel Association of Canada:* Anthony P. Pollard, President. *Canadian Home Builders' Association:* David Wassmandorf, First Vice-President; Mary Lawson, President. *Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs:* Patrick Burke, Fire Chief, Niagara Falls. *Association of Canadian Travel Agencies:* Marc-André Charlebois, President. *Canadian Construction Association:* Michael Atkinson, President. *Canadian Real Estate Association:* Pierre Beauchamp, Chief Executive Officer. *Canadian Printing Industries Association:* Bob Kadis, Chair, Senior Vice-President of Finance & Administration, CPIA Government Affairs Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2004.

Anthony P. Pollard, Patrick Burke, Marc-André Charlebois, Michael Atkinson, Pierre Beauchamp, Mary Lawson, David Wassmandorf made statements and answered questions.

At 11:02 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:07 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Peter Boag, Pierre Boucher, Robert Skadis, François Lacroix, Ross Creber, Mark Nantais, Janet Lambert and John Mendlein made statements and answered questions.

At 12:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

Clerk of the Committee

2004/11/17 12:32 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 15

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee commenced its pre-budget consultations, 2004

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose
Don H. Bell
Guy Côté,
Yvan Loubier
Hon. John McKay
Hon. Maria Minna
Massimo Pacetti
Brian Pallister
Charlie Penson
Monte Solberg
Judy Wasylycia-Leis

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Navdeep Bains for Charles Hubbard

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
June Dewetering, principal;
Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Ralph Goodale, Minister of Finance

WITNESSES:

Department of Finance:

Ian Bennett, Deputy Minister;

Paul-Henri Lapointe, Assistant Deputy Minister, Economic and
Fiscal Policy Branch.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 15

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Navdeep Bains for Charles Hubbard.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: June Dewetering, principal; Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Ralph Goodale, Minister of Finance.

Witnesses: Department of Finance: Ian Bennett, Deputy Minister; Paul-Henri Lapointe, Assistant Deputy Minister, Economic and Fiscal Policy Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2004.

The Minister made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2004/11/17 2:00 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 16

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2004

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose
Don H. Bell
Guy Côté
Yvan Loubier
Hon. John McKay
Hon. Maria Minna
Massimo Pacetti
Brian Pallister
Judy Wasylycia-Leis

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
June Dewetering, principal;
Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

WITNESSES:

National Anti-Poverty Organization:
Robert Arnold, President, Board of Directors;
Dennis Howlett, Executive Director.

Alliance to End Homelessness:

Tim Aubry, Professor and Chair, Evaluation Working Group.

Congress of Union Retirees of Canada:

Kevin Collins, Executive Vice-President;

Larry Wagg, President, CLCPRA.

Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada:

René Daoust, President;

Mark Goldblatt, Senior Consultant.

Movement for Canadian Literacy:

Wendy DesBrisay, Executive Director.

Canadian Federation for Promoting Family Values:

Michael Gorman, Founder.

National Council of Women of Canada:

Catharine Laidlaw-Sly, President.

Retirement Income Coalition:

Ian Markham, Fellow of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries,

Watson Wyatt Canada;

Andrew Jones, Director, Corporate and Government Relations.

Salvation Army:

Danielle Shaw, Government Relations Director.

The Salvation Army Canada and Bermuda Territory:

Mr. Glen Shepherd, Chief Secretary, The Salvation Army, Canada and Bermuda Territory.

Canadian Teachers' Federation:

Harvey Weiner, Policy Advisors, Government and External Relations.

Council of Canadians with Disabilities:

Marie White, National Chairperson;

Laurie Beachell, National Coordinator.

Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada:

Jamie Kass, Child Care Co-ordinator;

Lynell Anderson, Consultant.

National Association of Friendship Centres:

Peter Dinsdale, Executive Director.

Ian Markham, René Daoust, Mark Golbatt, Marie White, Tim Aubry, Glen Shepherd and Danielle Shaw made statements and, with Laurie Beachell and Kevin Collins, answered questions.

Harvey Weiner, Lynell J. Anderson, Catharine Laidlaw-Sly, Michael Gorman, Wendy DesBrisay, Peter Dinsdale, Robert Arnold and Dennis Howlett made statements and, with Jamie Kass, answered questions.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 16

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: June Dewetering, principal; Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

Witnesses: National Anti-Poverty Organization: Robert Arnold, President, Board of Directors; Dennis Howlett, Executive Director. *Alliance to End Homelessness:* Tim Aubry, Chair, Evaluation Working Group. *Congress of Union Retirees of Canada:* Kevin Collins, Executive Vice-President; Larry Wagg, President, CLCPRA. *Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada:* René Daoust, President; Mark Goldblatt, Senior Consultant. *Movement for Canadian Literacy:* Wendy DesBrisay, Executive Director. *Canadian Federation for Promoting Family Values:* Michael Gorman, Founder. *National Council of Women of Canada :* Catharine Laidlaw-Sly, President. *Retirement Income Coalition:* Ian Markham, Fellow of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries, Watson Wyatt Canada; Andrew Jones, Director, Corporate and Government Relations. *Salvation Army:* Daniellé Shaw, Government Relations Director. *The Salvation Army Canada and Bermuda Territory:* Mr. Glen Shepherd, Chief Secretary, The Salvation Army, Canada and Bermuda Territory. *Canadian Teachers' Federation:* Harvey Weiner, Policy Advisors, Government and External Relations. *Council of Canadians with Disabilities:* Marie White, National Chairperson; Laurie Beachell, National Coordinator. *Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada:* Jamie Kass, Child Care Co-ordinator; Lynell Anderson, Consultant. *National Association of Friendship Centres:* Peter Dinsdale, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2004.

Ian Markham, René Daoust, Mark Golbatt, Marie White, Tim Aubry, Glen Shepherd and Daniellé Shaw made statements and, with Laurie Beachell and Kevin Collins, answered questions.

At 5:00 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:09 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Harvey Weiner, Lynell J. Anderson, Catharine Laidlaw-Sly, Michael Gorman, Wendy DesBrisay, Peter Dinsdale, Robert Arnold and Dennis Howlett made statements and, with Jamie Kass, answered questions.

At 6:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

Clerk of the Committee

2004/11/23 6:27 p.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti.

Meeting No. 17

Thursday, November 18, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee commenced its pre-budget consultations 2004.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Don H. Bell,
Guy Côté,
Yvan Loubier,
John McKay,
Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Brian Pallister,
Monte Solberg
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
June Dewetering, principal;
Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Medical Association:
Albert Schumacher, President;
William Tholl, Secretary General and CEO.

Canadian Public Health Association:

Christina Mills, President.

Canadian Health Coalition:

Michael McBane, National Co-ordinator.

Canadian Nurses Association:

Deborah Tamlyn, President;

Lisa Little, Health Human Resources Consultant .

Canadian Paediatric Society:

Robin Walker, President .

Canadian Healthcare Association:

Sharon Sholzberg-Gray, President and Chief Executive Officer;

Mary Lapaine, Board Chair.

Canadian Dental Association:

Alfred Dean, President;

Andrew Jones, Director, Corporate and Government Relations.

Canadian Dental Hygienists Association:

Susan A. Ziebarth, Executive Director;

Judy Lux, Communications Specialist, Health Policy.

Sport Matters Group:

Victor Lachance, Senior Leader;

Timothy Page, Executive Director, Diving Canada.

Canadian National Institute for the Blind:

Cathy Moore, National Director , Consumer and Government Relations.

Canadian AIDS Society:

Paul Lapierre, Executive Director;

Mark Creighan, Media Relations Officer.

Canadian Cancer Society:

Kenneth Kyle, Director, Public Issues;

Jo Kennelly, Director, Scientific Advancement and Public Policy.

Canadian Public Health Association:

Elinor Wilson, Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Coalition on Public Health in the 21st Century:
Maureen Law, Consultant to the World Bank.

Dr. Albert Schumacher, Dr. Elinor Wilson, Michael McBane, Robin Walker, Sharon Sholzberg-Gray and Mary Lapaine made statements and, with William Tholl, answered questions.

Dr. Alfred Dean, Suzan A. Ziebarth, Victor Lachance, Timothy I. Page, Cathy Moore, Paul Lapierre, Kenneth Kyle and Maureen Law made statements and answered questions.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 17

Thursday, November 18, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 9:35 a.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: June Dewetering, principal; Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

Witnesses: *Canadian Medical Association:* Albert Schumacher, President; William Tholl, Secretary General and CEO. *Canadian Public Health Association:* Christina Mills, President. *Canadian Health Coalition:* Michael McBane, National Co-ordinator. *Canadian Nurses Association:* Deborah Tamlyn, President; Lisa Little, Health Human Resources Consultant. *Canadian Paediatric Society:* Robin Walker, President. *Canadian Healthcare Association:* Sharon Sholzberg-Gray, President and Chief Executive Officer; Mary Lapaine, Board Chair. *Canadian Dental Association:* Alfred Dean, President; Andrew Jones, Director, Corporate and Government Relations. *Canadian Dental Hygienists Association:* Susan A. Ziebarth, Executive Director; Judy Lux, Communications Specialist, Health Policy. *Sport Matters Group:* Victor Lachance, Senior Leader; Timothy Page, Executive Director, Diving Canada. *Canadian National Institute for the Blind:* Cathy Moore, National Director, Consumer and Government Relations. *Canadian AIDS Society:* Paul Lapierre, Executive Director; Mark Creighan, Media Relations Officer. *Canadian Cancer Society:* Kenneth Kyle, Director, Public Issues; Jo Kennelly, Director, Scientific Advancement and Public Policy. *Canadian Public Health Association:* Elinor Wilson, Chief Executive Officer. *Canadian Coalition on Public Health in the 21st Century:* Maureen Law, Consultant to the World Bank.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2004.

Dr. Albert Schumacher, Dr. Elinor Wilson, Michael McBane, Robin Walker, Sharon Sholzberg-Gray and Mary Lapaine made statements and, with William Tholl, answered questions.

At 11:06 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:14 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Dr. Alfred Dean, Suzan A. Ziebarth, Victor Lachance, Timothy I. Page, Cathy Moore, Paul Lapierre, Kenneth Kyle and Maureen Law made statements and answered questions.

At 12:42 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2004/11/26 12:09 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 18

Thursday, November 18, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on Federal Fiscal Forecasting

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose
Don H. Bell
Guy Côté
Yvan Loubier
Hon. John McKay
Hon. Maria Minna
Massimo Pacetti
Charlie Penson
Judy Wasylycia-Leis

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
June Dewetering, principal;
Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

WITNESS:

As Individual:
Tim O'Neill, Executive Vice-President and Chief Economist, Bank of Montreal.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 18

Thursday, November 18, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Charlie Penson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: June Dewetering, principal; Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

Witnesses: As an Individual: Tim O'Neill, Executive Vice-President and Chief Economist, Bank of Montreal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on Federal Fiscal Broadcasting.

Tim O'Neil made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:23 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2004/11/19 10:24 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti.

Meeting No. 19

Monday, November 22, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee commenced its pre-budget consultations 2004.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Don H. Bell,
Charles Hubbard,
Yvan Loubier,
John McKay,
Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Harris for Charlie Penson,
and Maka Kotto for Guy Côté.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
June Dewetering, principal;
Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

WITNESSES:

Association of Canadian Publishers:

Jack Wayne, President, Canadian Scholars' Press Inc..

Heritage Canada Foundation:

Brian P. Anthony, Executive Director;

Douglas Franklin, Director, Policy and Programs.

Writers Guild of Canada:

Maureen Parker, Executive Director;

Gail Martiri, Director of Policy.

Alliance of Canadian Cinema, Television and Radio Artists:

Thor Bishopric, President, ACTRA National;

Gordon Pinsent, Performer / Member, ACTRA National.

Writers' Union of Canada:

Christopher Moore, Chairperson;

Deborah Windsor, Executive Director.

Periodical Writers Association of Canada:

Liz Warwick, President.

Council for Business and the Arts in Canada:

Sarah J.E. Iley, President.

Literary Press Group of Canada:

Rolf Maurer, Chair;

Alana Wilcox, Vice-Chair.

Canadian Magazine Publishers Association:

Mark Jamison, President;

Robert Goyette, Reader's Digest.

Independent Media Arts Alliance:

Linda Norstrom, President;

Peter Sandmark, National Director.

Canadian Arts Summit:

Axel Conradi, President, Board of Directors.

Association des producteurs de films et de télévision du Québec:

Jacquelin Bouchard, Chair, Executive Committee;

Nathalie Leduc, Director, Financing.

Directors Guild of Canada:

Monique Twigg, National Research & Policy Manager.

Canadian Council of Archives:

Fred Farrell, Chair;

Christina Nichols, Executive Director.

The Voice of Opera in Canada:

Bob McPhee, Director, Opera.ca, General Director, Calgary Opera Association;

Susan Ferley, Artistic Director, Grand Theatre.

Association nationale des éditeurs de livres:

Hélène Derome, Vice-President, Literary Publishing;

Marc Laberge, Executive Secretary / Treasurer.

Friends of Canadian Broadcasting:

Ian Morrison, Spokesperson.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 19

Monday, November 22, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 10:33 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Richard Harris for Charlie Penson and Maka Kotto for Guy Côté.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: June Dewetering, principal; Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

Witnesses: Association of Canadian Publishers: Jack Wayne, President, Canadian Scholars' Press Inc.. *Heritage Canada Foundation:* Brian P. Anthony, Executive Director; Douglas Franklin, Director, Policy and Programs. *Writers Guild of Canada:* Maureen Parker, Executive Director; Gail Martiri, Director of Policy. *Alliance of Canadian Cinema, Television and Radio Artists:* Thor Bishopric, President, ACTRA National; Gordon Pinsent, Performer / Member, ACTRA National. *Writers' Union of Canada:* Christopher Moore, Chairperson; Deborah Windsor, Executive Director. *Periodical Writers Association of Canada:* Liz Warwick, President. *Council for Business and the Arts in Canada:* Sarah J.E. Iley, President. *Literary Press Group of Canada:* Rolf Maurer, Chair; Alana Wilcox, Vice-Chair. *Canadian Magazine Publishers Association:* Mark Jamison, President; Robert Goyette, Reader's Digest. *Independent Media Arts Alliance:* Linda Norstrom, President; Peter Sandmark, National Director. *Canadian Arts Summit:* Axel Conradi, President, Board of Directors. *Association des producteurs de films et de télévision du Québec:* Jacquelin Bouchard, President, Executive Committee; Nathalie Leduc, Director, Financing. *Directors Guild of Canada:* Monique Twigg, National Research & Policy Manager. *Canadian Council of Archives:* Fred Farrell, Chair; Christina Nichols, Executive Director. *The Voice of Opera in Canada:* Bob McPhee, Director, Opera.ca, General Director, Calgary Opera Association; Susan Ferley, Artistic Director, Grand Theatre. *Association nationale des éditeurs de livres:* Hélène Derome, Vice-President, Literary Publishing; Marc Laberge, Executive Secretary / Treasurer. *Friends of Canadian Broadcasting:* Ian Morrison, Spokesperson.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2004.

Jack Wayne, Brian P. Anthony, Maureen Parker, Thor Bisphoric, Gordon Pinsent, Christopher Moore, Deborah Windsor, Liz Warwick, Sarah J.E. Iley and Rolf Maurer made statements and answered questions.

At 12:15 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:28 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Robert Goyette, Linda Norstrom, Peter Sandmark, Axel H. Conradi, Jacquelin Bouchard, Monique Twigg, Fred Farrell, Susan Ferley, Bob McPhee, Hélène Derome and Ian Morrison made statements

and answered questions.

At 2:11 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2004/11/23 1:49 p.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 20

Monday, November 22, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2004

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Don H. Bell
Charles Hubbard
Yvan Loubier
Hon. John McKay
Hon. Maria Minna
Massimo Pacetti
Brian Pallister
Charlie Penson

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Christopherson for Judy Wasylycia-Leis
Bernard Cleary for Guy Côté
Bev Desjarlais for Judy Wasylycia-Leis
Christian Simard for Guy Côté

WITNESSES:

Association of Yukon Communities:
Doug Graham, President;
Tom Paterson, Executive Director.

Nunavut Association of Municipalities:

Lynda Gunn, Chief Executive Officer;
Lootie Toomasie, Vice-President.

Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Municipalities:

Herbert Brett, President.

Canadian Steel Producers Association:

Barry Lacombe, President.

Retail Council of Canada:

Diane J. Brisebois, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Automobile Dealers Association:

Richard Gauthier, President.

Canadian Housing and Renewal Association:

Joyce Potter, President.

Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association:

Joyce Reynolds, Senior Vice President, Government Affairs.

Canadian Retail Building Supply Council:

Dave Campbell, Chair, Government Relations Committee.

Association of Consulting Engineers of Canada:

Claude Paul Boivin, President & Chief Operating Officer;
Allen Williams, Chairman, Board of Directors.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 20

Monday, November 22, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Don H. Bell, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister and Charlie Penson.

Acting Members present: David Christopherson for Judy Wasylycia-Leis, Bernard Cleary for Guy Côté, Bev Desjarlais for Judy Wasylycia-Leis and Christian Simard for Guy Côté.

Witnesses: Association of Yukon Communities: Doug Graham, President; Tom Paterson, Executive Director. Nunavut Association of Municipalities: Lottie Toomasie, Vice-President; Lynda Gunn, Chief Executive Officer. Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Municipalities: Herbert Brett, President. Canadian Steel Producers Association: Barry Lacombe, President. Retail Council of Canada: Diane J. Brisebois, President and Chief Executive Officer. Canadian Automobile Dealers Association: Richard Gauthier, President. Canadian Housing and Renewal Association: Joyce Potter, President. Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association: Joyce Reynolds, Senior Vice President, Government Affairs. Canadian Hardware and Housewares Manufacturers Association & Canadian Retail Building Supply Council: Dave Campbell, President, Government Relations Committee, Canadian Retail Building Supply Council. Association of Consulting Engineers of Canada: Claude Paul Boivin, President & Chief Operating Officer; Allen Williams, Chairman, Board of Directors.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2004.

Doug Graham, Lynda Gunn and Herbert Brett made statements and answered questions.

At 5:40 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 6:00 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Barry Lacombe, Diane J. Brisebois, Richard Gauthier, Joyce Potter, Joyce Reynolds, Dave Campbell, Claude Paul Boivin and Allen Williams made statements and answered questions.

At 6:26 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2004/11/23 1:48 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 21

Tuesday, November 23, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee commenced its pre-budget consultations 2004

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Don H. Bell
Guy Côté
Charles Hubbard
Yvan Loubier
Massimo Pacetti
Charlie Penson
Judy Wasylycia-Leis

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Richard Harris for Monte Solberg

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
June Dewetering, principal;
Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers:
Pierre R. Alvarez, President.

Canadian Wind Energy Association:
Glen Estill, Past Chairman of the Board;
Robert Hornung, President.

Canadian Institute of Health Research:
Alan Bernstein, Doctor and President.

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada:
Tom Brzustowski, President.

Canada Foundation for Innovation:
Carmen Charette, Senior Vice-President.

Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences:
Donald Fisher, President Elect.

Genome Canada:
Martin Godbout, President & CEO.

Canadian Electricity Association:
Hans R. Konow, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Fertilizer Institute:
Roger L. Larson, President.

Forest Products Association of Canada:
Avrim Lazar, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Consortium for Research:
Paul Ledwell, Chair;
Don McDiarmid, Doctor and Member.

Genome Canada:
Marc LePage, Executive Vice-President, Corporate Affairs.

Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada:
Peter MacKinnon, Doctor and Chair, Board of Directors.

Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers:
Brian Maynard, Vice-President, Public Affairs, Atlantic Canada.

Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada:

Claire Morris, President and CEO.

Mining Association of Canada:

Gordon Peeling, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Canada Foundation for Innovation:

Eliot A. Phillipson, Doctor, President and CEO.

National Research Council Canada:

Michael Rayment, Doctor and Interim President.

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada:

Marc Renaud, President.

Canadian Federation of Agriculture:

Marvin Shauf, Vice-President.

Canadian Electricity Association:

Eli Turk, Vice President, Government Relations.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 21

Tuesday, November 23, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 9:39 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, Massimo Pacetti, Charlie Penson and Judy Wasylcia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Richard Harris for Monte Solberg.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: June Dewetering, principal; Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

Witnesses: *Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers:* Pierre R. Alvarez, President. *Canadian Wind Energy Association:* Glen Estill, Past Chairman of the Board; Robert Hornung, President. *Canadian Institute of Health Research:* Alan Bernstein, President. *Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada:* Tom Brzutowski, President. *Canada Foundation for Innovation:* Carmen Charette, Senior Vice-President. *Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences:* Donald Fisher, President Elect. *Genome Canada:* Martin Godbout, President & CEO. *Canadian Electricity Association:* Hans R. Konow, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Canadian Fertilizer Institute:* Roger L. Larson, President. *Forest Products Association of Canada:* Avrim Lazar, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Canadian Consortium for Research:* Paul Ledwell, Chair; Don McDiarmid, Member. *Genome Canada:* Marc LePage, Executive Vice-President, Corporate Affairs. *Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada:* Peter MacKinnon, Chair, Board of Directors. *Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers:* Brian Maynard, Vice-President, Public Affairs, Atlantic Canada. *Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada:* Claire Morris, President and CEO. *Mining Association of Canada:* Gordon Peeling, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Canada Foundation for Innovation:* Eliot A. Phillipson, President and CEO. *National Research Council Canada:* Michael Raymont, Interim President, NRC-CNRC. *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada:* Marc Renaud, President. *Canadian Federation of Agriculture:* Marvin Shauf, Vice-President. *Canadian Electricity Association:* Eli Turk, Vice President, Government Relations.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2004.

Pierre R. Alvarez, Glen Estill, Avrim Lazar, Gordon Peeling, Marvin Shauf and Roger L. Larson made statements and answered questions.

At 11:09 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:19 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Marc Renaud, Dr. Petre MacKinnon, Claire Morris, Eliot A. Phillipson, Dr. Alan Bernstein, Paul Ledwell, Don McDiarmid, Dr. Donald Fisher, Tom Brzutowski, Michael Raymont and Martin Godbout made statements and answered questions.

At 1:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2004/11/23 4:23 p.m.

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38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 22

Tuesday, November 23, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2004

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose
Don H. Bell
Guy Côté
Charles Hubbard
Yvan Loubier
Hon. John McKay
Massimo Pacetti
Brian Pallister
Monte Solberg
Judy Wasylycia-Leis

OTHER MEMBER PRESENT:

Alexa McDonough

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
June Dewetering, principal;
Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

WITNESSES:

Association of Canadian Community Colleges:
Gerry Brown, President.

Canadian Association for Graduate Studies:
Jean-Pierre Gaboury, Executive Director.

Canadian School Boards Association:
Michael Clarke, Superintendent of Business, Ottawa-Carleton
District School Board;
Gerri Gershon, Vice-President.

Canadian Association for Graduate Studies:
John Lennox, Dean of Graduate Studies, York University.

Canadian Association of University Teachers:
David Robinson, Associate Executive Director.

Canadian Federation of Students:
George Soule, National Chairperson.

Canadian Federation of Students - National Office:
Michael Conlon, National Chairperson, National Graduate
Council.

Canadian Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators:
Judy Stymest, Past President, CASFAA.

Canadian Association of University Teachers:
James Turk, Executive Director.

Canadian Alliance of Student Associations:
James Kusie, National Director;
Toby White, Government Relations Officer.

Quebec Federation of University Students:
Guillaume Lavoie, Vice-President, International and Federal
Affairs.

Jean-Philippe Brochu
Committee Clerk



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 22

Tuesday, November 23, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: June Dewetering, principal; Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

Witnesses: Association of Canadian Community Colleges: Gerry Brown, President. Canadian Association for Graduate Studies: Jean-Pierre Gaboury, Executive Director. Canadian School Boards Association: Gerri Gershon, Vice-President; Michael Clarke, Superintendent of Business, Ottawa-Carleton District School Board. Canadian Association for Graduate Studies: John Lennox, Dean of Graduate Studies, York University. Canadian Association of University Teachers: David Robinson, Associate Executive Director. Canadian Federation of Students: George Soule, National Chairperson. Canadian Federation of Students - National Office: Michael Conlon, National Chairperson, National Graduate Council. Canadian Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators: Judy Stymest, Past President, CASFAA. Canadian Association of University Teachers: James Turk, Executive Director. Canadian Alliance of Student Associations: James Kusie, National Director; Toby White, Government Relations Officer. Quebec Federation of University Students: Guillaume Lavoie, Vice-President, International and Federal Affairs.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2004.

Gerry Brown, David Robinson, Judy Stymest, George Soule, James Kusie, John Lennox, Gerri Gershon, Michael Clarke and Guillaume Lavoie made statements and answered questions.

At 5:09 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-Philippe Brochu
Committee Clerk

2004/11/24 2:05 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 23

Tuesday, November 23, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee commenced its pre-budget consultations 2004.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Don H. Bell,
Guy Côté,
Charles Hubbard,
John McKay,
Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Charlie Penson,
Monte Solberg
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Harris for Brian Pallister,
and Maka Kotto for Yvan Loubier.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Campaign 2000:

Laurel Rothman, National Coordinator.

Canadian Association for Community Living:

Michael Bach, Executive Vice-President, York University;

Anna Macquarrie, Policy Analyst, York University.

Canadian Association of Food Banks:

Charles Seiden, Executive Director.

Canada's Association for the Fifty-Plus:

Bill Gleberzon, Co-Director, Advocacy and Government Relations;

Judy Cutler, Co-Director, Advocacy and Government Relations.

Canadian Pensioners Concerned Inc.:

Gerda Kaegi, President.

Campaign Against Child Poverty:

Caroline Di Giovanni, Executive Director, Hope for Children Foundation;

Gerald Vandezande, Steering Committee Member.

National Housing and Homelessness Network:

Michael Shapcott, Co-Chair, National Housing and Homelessness Network.

National Council of Welfare:

David Welch, Member;

Greg deGroot-Maggetti, Member.

Canadian Museums Association:

Robert Spickler, Associate Director, Canadian Centre for Architecture;

John G. McAvity, Executive Director.

Canadian Film and Television Production Association:

Guy Mayson, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Library Association:

Don Butcher, Executive Director;

Barbara Clubb, City Librarian, Ottawa.

Canadian Conference of the Arts :

Jean Malavoy, National Director, CCA.

Tourism Industry Association of Canada:

Randy M. Williams, President and Chief Executive Officer;
Wayne St. John, Chairman.

Canadian Association of Broadcasters:

Glenn O'Farrell, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Association of Research Libraries:

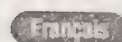
Timothy Mark, Executive Director;
Paul Wiens, University Librarian, Queen's University.

Music in Canada Coalition:

Denise Donlon, Member;
Grant Dexter, Member.

Robert Spickler, John G. McAvity, Guy Mason, Barbara Clubb, Jean Malavoy, Randy M. Williams, Wayne St. John, Glen O'Farrell, Paul Wiens, Denise Donlon and Grant Dexter made statements and answered questions.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 23

Tuesday, November 23, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 7:07 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Richard Harris for Brian Pallister and Maka Kotto for Yvan Loubier.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: June Dewetering, principal; Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

Witnesses: Campaign 2000: Laurel Rothman, National Coordinator. *Canadian Association for Community Living:* Michael Bach, Executive Vice President, York University; Anna Macquarrie, Policy Analyst, York University. *Canadian Association of Food Banks:* Charles Seiden, Executive Director. *Canada's Association for the Fifty-Plus:* Bill Gleberzon, Co-Director, Advocacy and Government Relations; Judy Cutler, Co-Director, Advocacy and Government Relations. *Canadian Pensioners Concerned Inc.:* Gerda Kaegi, President. *Campaign Against Child Poverty:* Caroline Di Giovanni, Executive Director, Hope for Children Foundation; Gerald Vandezande, Steering Committee Member. *National Housing and Homelessness Network:* Michael Shapcott, Co-Chair, National Housing and Homelessness Network. *National Council of Welfare:* David Welch, Member; Greg deGroot-Maggetti, Member. *Canadian Museums Association:* Robert Spickler, Associate Director, Canadian Centre for Architecture; John G. McAvity, Executive Director. *Canadian Film and Television Production Association:* Guy Mayson, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Canadian Library Association:* Don Butcher, Executive Director; Barbara Clubb, City Librarian, Ottawa. *Canadian Conference of the Arts :* Jean Malavoy, National Director, CCA. *Tourism Industry Association of Canada:* Randy M. Williams, President and Chief Executive Officer; Wayne St. John, Chairman. *Canadian Association of Broadcasters:* Glenn O'Farrell, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Canadian Association of Research Libraries:* Timothy Mark, Executive Director; Paul Wiens, University Librarian, Queen's University. *Music in Canada Coalition:* Denise Donlon, Member; Grant Dexter, Member.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2004.

Laurel Rothman, Michael Bach, Charles Seiden, Bill Gleberzon, Gerda Kaegi, Caroline Da Giovanni, Michael Shapcott and David Welch made statements, and with, Gerald Vandezande and Greg deGroot-Maggetti answered questions.

At 8:50 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 8:57 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Robert Spickler, John G. McAvity, Guy Mason, Barbara Clubb, Jean Malavoy, Randy M. Williams, Wayne St. John, Glen O'Farrell, Paul Wiens, Denise Donlon and Grant Dexter made statements and

answered questions.

At 10:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2004/11/24 2:27 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 24

Wednesday, November 24, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2004

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Don H. Bell
Charles Hubbard
Yvan Loubier
Hon. Maria Minna
Hon. John McKay
Massimo Pacetti
Charlie Penson
Monte Solberg
Judy Wasylycia-Leis

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paule Brunelle for Guy Côté
Jean Crowder for Judy Wasylycia-Leis
Ed Komarnicki for Brian Pallister
Tony Martin for Judy Wasylycia-Leis
Denise Poirier-Rivard for Guy Côté

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:

June Dewetering, principal;
Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Dehydrators Association:

Jim Boxall, Chairman of the Board, President and CEO, Tisdale
Alfalfa Dehy. Ltd.;
Dale Pulkinen, Executive Director.

Grain Growers of Canada:

Cam Dahl, Executive Director.

Dairy Farmers of Canada:

Jacques Laforge, President.

Canadian Association for HIV Research:

Jonathan Angel, Doctor and Senior Scientist, Ottawa Health
Research Institute, Associate Professor of Medecine, University of
Ottawa.

Dairy Farmers of Canada:

Rick Phillips, Director, Policy and Government Relations.

"Fédération des producteurs de lait du Québec":

Patrice Dubé, Assistant Director, Economical Research;
Marcel Groleau, President.

"Union des Producteurs Agricoles du Québec":

Serge Lebeau, Senior International Trade Advisor and Assistant
Director, Agricultural Studies and Policies Department.

Canadian Cattlemen's Association:

Jim Caldwell, Director, Government Affairs.

Coalition for Women's Equality:

Kim Brooks, Co-President, National Association of Women and
the Law;
Sherrie Lewis, Executive Director, Native Women's Association of
Canada;
Ruth Rose, Economist, "Fédération des femmes du Québec";
Armine Yalnizyan, Consultant, Feminist Alliance for international
Action.

Centre for Science in the Public Interest:
Bill Jeffery, National Coordinator.

National Cancer Leadership Forum:
Nick Discepola, Member of the Steering Committee;
Pat Kelly, Director General.

Association of Canadian Academic Healthcare Organizations:
Glenn Brimacombe, Chief Executive Officer;
Joe De Mora, President.

Canadian Treatment Action Council:
Louise Binder, Chair;
Tony Di Pedé, Treasurer.

Dale Pulkinen, Jim Boxall, Cam Dahl, Jacques Laforge, Marcel Groleau, Serge Lebeau and Jim Caldwell made statements and, with Patrice Dubé, answered questions.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 24

Wednesday, November 24, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Don H. Bell, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, Maria Minna, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Paule Brunelle for Guy Côté, Jean Crowder for Judy Wasylycia-Leis, Ed Komarnicki for Brian Pallister, Tony Martin for Judy Wasylycia-Leis and Denise Poirier-Rivard for Guy Côté.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: June Dewetering, principal; Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Dehydrators Association: Dale Pulkinen, Executive Director; Jim Boxall, Chairman of the Board, President & CEO, Tisdale Alfalfa Dehy.Ltd.. *Grain Growers of Canada:* Cam Dahl, Executive Director. *Dairy Farmers of Canada:* Jacques Laforge, President. *Canadian Association for HIV Research:* Jonathan Angel, Senior Scientist, Ottawa Health Research Institute, Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Ottawa. *Dairy Farmers of Canada:* Rick Phillips, Director, Policy and Government Relations. *Fédération des producteurs de lait du Québec:* Marcel Groleau, President; Patrice Dubé, Assistant Director, Economical Research. *L'Union des Producteurs Agricoles du Québec:* Serge Lebeau, Senior International Trade Advisor and Assistant Director, Agricultural Studies and Policies Department. *Canadian Cattlemen's Association:* Jim Caldwell, Director, Government Affairs. *Coalition for Women's Equality:* Kim Brooks, National Association of Women and the Law; Armine Yalnizyan, Feminist Alliance for international Action; Ruth Rose, Fédération des femmes du Québec; Sherrie Lewis, Native Women's Association of Canada. *Centre for Science in the Public Interest:* Bill Jeffery, National Coordinator. *National Cancer Leadership Forum:* Pat Kelly, Director General; Nick Discepola, Member of the Steering Committee. *Association of Canadian Academic Healthcare Organizations:* Joe De Mora, President; Glenn Brimacombe, Chief Executive Officer. *Canadian Treatment Action Council :* Louise Binder, Chair; Tony Di Pede, Treasurer. *Canadian Association for HIV Research:* Jonathan Angel, Senior Scientist, Ottawa Health Research Institute, Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Ottawa.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2004.

Dale Pulkinen, Jim Boxall, Cam Dahl, Jacques Laforge, Marcel Groleau, Serge Lebeau and Jim Caldwell made statements and, with Patrice Dubé, answered questions.

At 5:10 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:17 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Sherrie Lewis, Kim Brooks, Ruth Rose and Armine Yalnizyan made statements and answered questions.

At 6:24 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 6:35 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Bill Jeffery, Pat Kelly, Nick Discepola, Joe De Mora, Louise Binder and Dr. Jonathan Angel made statements and answered questions.

Charlie Penson gave a 48th hour notice of the following motion:

That the Finance Committee contract with the four specialists in budgetary estimates, one nominated by each political party, to conduct quarterly updates of the estimate for the fiscal balance, with the assistance of officials in the Department of Finance, based on the release of quarterly National Income Accounts, and that the first update be conducted based on the release of the third quarter National Income Accounts at the end of November, 2004 and after the completion of any private sector national updates in the third week of December, 2004, and that the results be reported to the members of the Finance Committee and be made public immediately upon their report; that the Finance Department work with the specialists in budgetary estimates to provide a quarterly update of the base case and run the base case through each model, as is now done in October of each year, and that the results be reported to the members of the Finance Committee and be made public immediately upon their report.

At 7:59 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2004/12/01 11:23 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti.

Meeting No. 25

Thursday, November 25, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee commenced its pre-budget consultations 2004.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Guy Côté,
Charles Hubbard,
Yvan Loubier,
John McKay,
Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Charlie Penson,
Monte Solberg
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
June Dewetering, principal;
Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Bankers Association:
Kelly Shaughnessy, Vice-President, Banking Operations;
Raymond J. Protti, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Association of Mutual Insurance Companies:
Normand Lafrenière, President.

Certified General Accountants' Association of Canada:
Everett E. Colby, Chair, FCGA;
Carole Presseault, Assistant Vice-President, Government &
Regulatory Affairs.

Canadian Co-operative Association:
Dave Sitaram, President;
Jean-Yves Lord, Executive Director.

VenGrowth:
Jay Heller, General Partner.

Tax Executives Institute, Inc.:
David M. Penney, General Director, Taxes and Customs, General
Motors of Canada Limited;
Jeffery P. Rasmussen, Tax Counsel, Tax Executives Institute.

Credit Union Central of Canada:
Wayne A. Nygren, Chair, Legislative Affairs Committee;
Jack Smit, Chairperson, Board of Directors.

Registered Education Savings Plan Dealers Association of Canada:
Paul Renaud, Chairman.

Investment Dealers Association of Canada:
Joe Oliver, President and Chief Executive Officer.

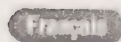
Multi Employer Benefit Plan Council of Canada:
Peter Landry, Consultant.

Certified Management Accountants of Canada:
David Fletcher, Vice-President, Public Affairs;
Michael Tinkler, Chairman of Audit Committee, Member of the
Board of Directors.

Association of Canadian Pension Management:
Scott Perkin, President;
Stephen Bigsby, Executive Director.

Investment Funds Institute of Canada:
Thomas Hockin, President and CEO;
Jamie Golombek, Vice-President, Taxation and Estate Planning.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 25

Thursday, November 25, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 9:35 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: June Dewetering, principal; Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

Witnesses: *Canadian Bankers Association:* Kelly Shaughnessy, Vice-President, Banking Operations; Raymond J. Protti, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Canadian Association of Mutual Insurance Companies:* Normand Lafrenière, President. *Certified General Accountants' Association of Canada:* Everett E. Colby, Chair, FCGA; Carole Presseault, Assistant Vice-President, Government & Regulatory Affairs. *Canadian Co-operative Association:* Dave Sitaram, President; Jean-Yves Lord, Executive Director. *VenGrowth:* Jay Heller, General Partner. *Tax Executives Institute, Inc.:* David M. Penney, General Director, Taxes and Customs, General Motors of Canada Limited; Jeffery P. Rasmussen, Tax Counsel, Tax Executives Institute. *Credit Union Central of Canada:* Wayne A. Nygren, Chair, Legislative Affairs Committee; Jack Smit, Chairperson, Board of Directors. *Registered Education Savings Plan Dealers Association of Canada:* Paul Renaud, Chairman. *Investment Dealers Association of Canada:* Joe Oliver, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Multi Employer Benefit Plan Council of Canada:* Peter Landry, Consultant. *Certified Management Accountants of Canada:* David Fletcher, Vice-President, Public Affairs; Michael Tinkler, Chairman of Audit Committee, Member of the Board of Directors. *Association of Canadian Pension Management:* Scott Perkin, President; Stephen Bigsby, Executive Director. *Investment Funds Institute of Canada:* Thomas Hockin, President and CEO; Jamie Golombek, Vice-President, Taxation and Estate Planning.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2004.

Raymond J. Protti, Normand Lafrenière, Everett E. Colby, Dave Sitaram, Jean-Yves Lord, Jay Heller, David Penney and Jack Smit made statements and answered questions.

At 11:09 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:20 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Paul Renaud, Joe Oliver, Peter Landry, Michael Tinkler, Scott Perkin and Thomas Hockin made statements and answered questions.

At 12:46 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis

Clerk of the Committee

2004/11/25 3:48 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti.

Meeting No. 26

Thursday, November 25, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee commenced its pre-budget consultations 2004.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Guy Côté,
Charles Hubbard,
Yvan Loubier,
John McKay,
Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti
and Charlie Penson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bill Blaikie for Judy Wasylycia-Leis,
and Jack Layton for Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Roy Cullen.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
June Dewetering, principal.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Taxpayers Federation:

John Williamson, Federal Director.

Canadian Professional Sales Association:

Terry Ruffell, President.

Canadian Advanced Technology Alliance:

David E. Paterson, National Director.

Space Industry Executives:

Magued Iskander, Vice-President and General Manager, MD Robotics;

John Keating, Chief Executive Officer, COM-DEV International Ltd..

Canadian Council of Professional Engineers:

Marie Lemay, Chief Executive Officer.

Information Technology Association of Canada:

Bernard A. Courtois, President & CEO.

Toronto Board of Trade:

Cecil Bradley, Director of Policy;

Robert Hutchison, Vice-Chair and Honorary Treasurer, Toronto Board of Trade.

Ottawa Centre for Research and Innovation:

Jeffrey Dale, President & CEO;

Blair Patacairk, Director Investment, Marketing Media, Government Relations, Ottawa Global Marketing.

Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada:

Deanna Groetzinger, Vice-President, Communications.

Council for Health Research in Canada:

Deborah Gordon-El-Bihbety, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Mental Health Association:

Robert Campbell, Vice-President, National Board;

Penelope Marrett, Chief Executive Officer.

Chronic Disease Prevention Alliance of Canada:

Bonnie Hostrawser, Executive Director;

Patricia Pelton, Steering Committee.

Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada:

Cleve Myers, Chair;

Stephen Samis, Director, Health Policy.

Canadian Diabetes Association:

Christine Flammer, Associate Director , Office of Public Policy & Government Relations;

Karen Philp, Director, Policy and Government Relations.

Paramedic Association of Canada & Ambulance Paramedics of British Columbia:

Ernie Mothus, Committee member, Paramedic Association of Canada;

Poirier Pierre, Deputy Chief Ottawa EMS, CEO of the Paramedic Association of Canada.

Deanna Groetzinger, Deborah Gordon-El-Bihbety, Robert Campbell, Patricia Pelton, Cleve Myers, Karen Philp and Ernie Mothus made statements and, with Bonnie Hostrowser and Stephen Samis, answered questions.

Jacques Lahaie
Committee Clerk

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 26

Thursday, November 25, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti and Charlie Penson.

Acting Members present: Bill Blaikie for Judy Wasylycia-Leis and Jack Layton for Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Associate Members present: Roy Cullen.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: June Dewetering, principal.

Witnesses: Canadian Taxpayers Federation: John Williamson, Federal Director. *Canadian Professional Sales Association:* Terry Ruffell, President. *Canadian Advanced Technology Alliance:* David E. Paterson, National Director. *Space Industry Executives:* Magued Iskander, Vice-President & General Manager; John Keating, Chief Executive Officer, COM-DEV. *Canadian Council of Professional Engineers:* Marie Lemay, Chief Executive Officer. *Information Technology Association of Canada:* Bernard A. Courtois, President & CEO. *Toronto Board of Trade:* Cecil Bradley, Director of Policy; Robert Hutchison, Vice-Chair and Honourary Treasurer of the Toronto Board of Trade. *Ottawa Centre for Research and Innovation:* Jeffrey Dale, President & CEO; Blair Patacairk, Director Investment, Marketing Media, Government Relations, Ottawa Global Marketing. *Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada:* Deanna Groetzinger, Vice-President, Communications. *Council for Health Research in Canada:* Deborah Gordon-El-Bihbey, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Canadian Mental Health Association:* Robert Campbell, Vice-President, National Board; Penelope Marrett, Chief Executive Officer. *Chronic Disease Prevention Alliance of Canada:* Bonnie Hostrawser, Executive Director; Patricia Pelton, Steering Committee. *Heart & Stroke Foundation of Canada:* Cleve Myers, Chair; Stephen Samis, Director, Health Policy. *Canadian Diabetes Association:* Christine Flammer, Associate Director, Office of Public Policy & Government Relations; Karen Philp, Director, Policy and Government Relations. *Paramedic Association of Canada & Ambulance Paramedics of British Columbia:* Ernie Mothus, Advanced Care Paramedic, Chairperson PSO; Poirier Pierre, Deputy Chief Ottawa EMS, CEO of the Paramedic Association of Canada.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2004.

John Williamson, Terry Ruffel, David E. Paterson, John Keating, Marie Lemay, Bernard Courtois, Robert Hutchison and Jeffrey Dale made statements and, with Magued Iskander, Cecil Bradley and Blair Patacairk, answered questions.

At 5:03 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:12 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Deanna Groetzinger, Deborah Gordon-El-Bihbety, Robert Campbell, Patricia Pelton, Cleve Myers, Karen Philp and Ernie Mothus made statements and, with Bonnie Hostrawser and Stephen Samis, answered questions.

At 6:42 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jacques Lahaie
Committee Clerk

2004/11/26 10:43 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti.

Meeting No. 27

Wednesday, December 1, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of study on the Motion of Monte Solberg.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Don H. Bell,
Guy Côté,
Charles Hubbard,
Yvan Loubier,
John McKay,
Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Brian Pallister,
Charlie Penson
and Monte Solberg.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Harris for Rona Ambrose.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
June Dewetering, principal;
Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 27

Wednesday, December 1, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 701 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Maria Linna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson and Monte Solberg.

Acting Members present: Richard Harris for Rona Ambrose.

Attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: June Dewetering, principal; Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the motion of Monte Solberg.

Pursuant to the motion on 48 hour motion notice agreed on Tuesday, October 12, 2004:

Monte Solberg moved, — That the Finance Committee contract with the four specialists in budgetary estimates, one nominated by each political party, to conduct quarterly updates of the estimate for the fiscal balance, with the assistance of officials in the Department of Finance, based on the release of quarterly National Income Accounts, and that the first update be conducted based on the release of the third quarter National Income Accounts at the end of November, 2004 and after the completion of any private sector national updates in the third week of December, 2004, and that the results be reported to the members of the Finance Committee and be made public immediately upon their report; that the Finance Department work with the specialists in budgetary estimates to provide a quarterly update of the base case and run the base case through each model, as is now done in October of each year, and that the results be reported to the members of the Finance Committee and be made public immediately upon their report..

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 4.

At 3:57 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2004/12/02 4:22 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 28

Thursday, December 2, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on Small Business Tax Measures: The Cooperatives.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Don H. Bell,
Guy Côté,
Charles Hubbard,
Yvan Loubier,
John McKay,
Massimo Pacetti,
Brian Pallister
and Monte Solberg.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Joe Comartin for Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

OTHER MEMBER PRESENT:

Hon. Denis Paradis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:

June Dewetering, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Coopérative fédérée de Québec:

Pierre Gauvreau, CEO;
Denis Richard, President.

Canadian Cooperative Association:

Jean-Yves Lord, Director General.

Agropur, Coopérative Agro-Alimentaire:

Serge Riendeau, President.

Société coopérative agricole de l'Île aux Grues:

Simon Painchaud, President.

Alberta Value Chain Cooperative Ltd:

Doug Borg, Project Coordinator.

Peace Country Tender Beef Co-op: Alberta:

Neil Peacock, President.

Co-op Atlantic:

Harvie John, CEO.

Saskatchewan Wheat Pool:

Fern Nielsen, Administrator.

Agriest, Centre Agricole Coop:

Éric Dagenais, Director General.

United Farmers of Alberta:

Dave Elliott, Treasurer.

Conseil canadien de la coopération:

Michel Rouleau, Vice-President.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 28

Thursday, December 2, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 9:07 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister and Monte Solberg.

Acting Members present: Joe Comartin for Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Other Members present: Hon. Denis Paradis.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: June Dewetering, principal.

Witnesses: Coopérative fédérée de Québec: Pierre Gauvreau, CEO; Denis Richard, President. *Canadian Cooperative Association:* Jean-Yves Lord, Director General. *Agropur, Coopérative Agro-Alimentaire:* Serge Riendeau, President. *Société coopérative agricole de l'Île aux Grues:* Simon Painchaud, President. *Alberta Value Chain Cooperative Ltd:* Doug Borg, Project Coordinator. *Peace Country Tender Beef Co-op: Alberta:* Neil Peacock, President. *Co-op Atlantic:* Harvie John, CEO. *Saskatchewan Wheat Pool:* Fern Nielsen, Administrator. *Agriest, Centre Agricole Coop:* Éric Dagenais, Director General. *United Farmers of Alberta:* Dave Elliott, Treasurer. *Conseil canadien de la coopération:* Michel Rouleau, Vice-President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on Small Business Tax Measures: The Cooperatives.

It was agreed, — That the Committee adopt the Budget for its study on Small Business Tax Measures: The Cooperatives.

At 9:08 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:09 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Jean-Yves Lord, Michel Rouleau, Denis Richard, Fern Nielsen, Dave Elliott, John Harvie, Serge Riendeau, Simon Painchaud, Neil Peacock, Doug Borg, Éric Dagenais and Pierre Gauvreau made statements and answered questions.

At 11:04 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2004/12/02 2:48 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 29

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the motion of Charles Hubbard

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the motion of Yvan Loubier

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2004

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Don H. Bell
Guy Côté
Charles Hubbard
Yvan Loubier
Hon. John McKay
Hon. Maria Minna
Massimo Pacetti
Brian Pallister
Charlie Penson
Monte Solberg
Judy Wasylycia-Leis

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Richard Harris for Rona Ambrose

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:

June Dewetering, principal;

Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 29

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 9:38 a.m. this day, in Room 536 Wellington Building, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Richard Harris for Rona Ambrose.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: June Dewetering, principal; Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the motion of Charles Hubbard.

Charles Hubbard moved, — That the Finance Committee recommends to Parliament that Canadians earning less than \$10,000 per year should receive a special income tax credit that would be equal to the amount of tax calculated.

For Example:

Annual income from all sources \$9,800.00

Tax Owed \$9800 X 16 % = \$1,568.00

Tax Credits \$7756@16%= \$1,240.96

Income Tax to be paid \$327.04

Special Credit for low income tax payer \$327.04 .

Monte Solberg moved, — That the Motion be tabled.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 10; NAYS: 1.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the Motion of Yvan Loubier.

Pursuant the motion on 48 hour motion notice agreed on Tuesday, October 12, 2004:

Yvan Loubier moved, — That the Standing Committee on Finance establish a special subcommittee with the mandate to propose concrete solutions to correct the fiscal imbalance and that this subcommittee comprise at least one member of each political party, excluding the chair, and that it

have a researcher and a clerk. This subcommittee will hold hearings on this matter. It will table its report to the Standing Committee on Finance for adoption and the final report will be tabled in the House of Commons no later than June 2, 2005.

John McKay moved, — That the words “Fiscal Imbalance” be replaced by “Fiscal Constraint”. The Chair ruled the amendment out of order because a committee can't amend an Order of Reference from the House.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 4.

Monte Solberg moved, — That Yvan Loubier be appointed the Chair of the Subcommittee on Fiscal Imbalance.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 10:40 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:49 a.m., the sitting resumed, in camera.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2004.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

At 11:07 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2004/12/09 11:48 a.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 30

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

IN CAMERA



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 30

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met *in camera* at 4:09 p.m. this day, in Room 536 Wellington Building, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Charlie Penson and Monte Solberg.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: June Dewetering, principal; Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2004.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 4:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2004/12/13 11:13 a.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 31

Wednesday, December 8, 2004

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 31

Wednesday, December 8, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met *in camera* at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, the [chair role], John McKay, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: June Dewetering, principal; Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2004.

The Chair presented the First Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

REPORT FROM THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON AGENDA AND PROCEDURE

It was agreed to recommend the following:

- REPORT ON PBC 2004;

That the Report be tabled next week and dissenting and complementary opinions be given to the Clerk of the Committee no later than 17:00, Monday, December 13, 2004.

- REPORT ON COOPERATIVES;

That the Committee tables a report during next week.

- STUDY ON FEDERAL FISCAL FORECASTING;

That the Finance Committee contract with the four specialists in budgetary estimates, one nominated by each political party, to conduct quarterly updates of the estimate for the fiscal balance, with the assistance of officials in the Department of Finance, based on the release of quarterly National Income Accounts, and that the first update be conducted based on the release of the third quarter National Income Accounts at the end of November, 2004 and after the completion of any private sector national updates in the third week of December, 2004, and that the results be reported to the members of the Finance Committee and be made public immediately upon their report; that the Finance Department work with the specialists in budgetary estimates to provide a quarterly update of the base case and run the base case through each model, as is now done in October of each year, and that the results be reported to the members of the Finance Committee and be made public immediately upon their report; To submit to the Liaison Committee a proposed budget to conduct the two next quarterly updates of the estimates for the fiscal balance.

- STUDY ON A INDEPENDENT FISCAL FORECASTING ADVISE TO PARLIAMENTARIANS;

That the Committee will invite the four economists from private sector forecasting organizations hired by the Department of Finance, Senior Officials from the Department of Finance, an expert on the American Congress and an organization like Fraser Institute and C.D. Howe Institute.

5- SUBCOMMITTEE ON FISCAL IMBALANCE;

That the Standing Committee on Finance establish a special subcommittee with the mandate to propose concrete solutions to correct the fiscal imbalance and that this subcommittee comprise at least one member of each political party, excluding the chair, and that it have a researcher and a clerk. This subcommittee will hold hearings on this matter. I will table its report to the Standing Committee on Finance for adoption and the final report will be tabled in the House of Commons no later than June 2, 2005;

That the subcommittee be composed of Charlie Penson, Yvan Loubier, Guy Côté and Judy Wasylycia-Leis;

That Yvan Loubier be appointed Chair of the Subcommittee;

That the Subcommittee be granted all of the powers of the Committee pursuant to Standing Order 108(1) except the power to report to the House.

It was agreed, — That the report from the Subcommittee be adopted.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 5:39 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2004/12/09 2:12 p.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 32

Thursday, December 9, 2004

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 32

Thursday, December 9, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met *in camera* at 9:41 a.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Russ Powers for Charles Hubbard.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: June Dewetering, principal; Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2004.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 10:04 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:18 a.m., the sitting resumed.

At 12:38 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2004/12/13 11:14 a.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 33

Thursday, December 9, 2004

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 33

Thursday, December 9, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met *in camera* at 3:42 p.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Gary Lunn for Monte Solberg.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: June Dewetering, principal; Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2004.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the dissenting or supplementary opinions be given to the Clerk no later than Tuesday, December 13, 2004 at 17:00.

At 6:06 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2004/12/10 1:05 p.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 34

Monday, December 13, 2004

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 34

Monday, December 13, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met *in camera* at 11:16 a.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Gary Carr for John McKay, Claude Drouin for Charles Hubbard and Réal Lapierre for Yvan Loubier.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: June Dewetering, principal; Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2004.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 12:49 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:10 p.m., the sitting resumed.

It was agreed on division, — That the draft report be adopted, as amended, as the Third Report of the Committee.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, analysts and clerks be authorized to make such typographical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the Report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair be instructed to present the Third Report of the Committee to the House.

It was agreed, — That the Committee prints 1500 copies of the report in English and 1000 copies in French.

At 2:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2004/12/13 2:57 p.m.

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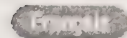
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Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 35

Tuesday, December 14, 2004

IN CAMERA



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 35

Tuesday, December 14, 2004

The Standing Committee on Finance met *in camera* at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Attending Members present: Louis Plamondon for Yvan Loubier.

Attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: June Dewetering, principal; Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Small Business Tax Measures: The Cooperatives.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 11:11 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:23 a.m., the sitting resumed.

It was agreed, — That the draft report be adopted, as amended, as the Third Report of the Committee.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, analysts and clerks be authorized to make such typographical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the Report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair be instructed to present the Third Report of the Committee to the House.

At 11:50 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2004/12/14 2:40 p.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 36

Wednesday, February 2, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, December 14, 2004, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill S-17, An Act to implement an agreement, conventions and protocols concluded between Canada and Gabon, Ireland, Armenia, Oman and Azerbaijan for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Don H. Bell,
Charles Hubbard,
Yvan Loubier,
Hon. John McKay,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti
and Brian Pallister.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Marc Lemay for Guy Côté.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
June Dewetering, principal;
Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. John McKay, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance.

WITNESSES:

Department of Finance:

Brian Ernewein, Director, Tax Legislation Division, Tax Policy
Branch;

David Sénécal, Tax Legislation Division, Tax Policy Branch.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 36

Wednesday, February 2, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 3:41 p.m. this day, in Room 536 Wellington Building, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Maria Mantha, Massimo Pacetti and Brian Pallister.

Guest Members present: Marc Lemay for Guy Côté.

Attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: June Dewetering, principal; Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

Bearing: Hon. John McKay, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance.

Witnesses: Department of Finance: Brian Ernewein, Director, Tax Legislation Division, Tax Policy Branch; David MacIsaac, Tax Legislation Division, Tax Policy Branch.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, December 14, 2004, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill S-1, An Act to implement an agreement, conventions and protocols concluded between Canada and Gabon, Ireland, Lesotho, Oman and Azerbaijan for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion.

The Parliamentary secretary made an opening statement and with Brian Ernewein answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the clause by clause consideration.

Pursuant to Standing Order 75(1), consideration of Clause 1 is postponed.

The Chair calls Clause 2.

By unanimous consent, Clauses 2 to 6 inclusive carried.

By unanimous consent, Schedules 1 to 5 inclusive carried.

The Short Title carried.

The Title carried.

The Bill carried.

RESOLVED, — That the Chair report the Bill to the House.

At 4:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/02/10 10:32 a.m.

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Meeting No. 37

Thursday, February 3, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of chapter 6 (Canada Revenue Agency-Resolving Disputes and Encouraging Voluntary Disclosures) of the 2004 Report of the Auditor General of Canada to the House of Commons.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of chapter 2 (Implementation of the National Initiative to Combat Money Laundering) of the Report of the Auditor General of Canada to the House of Commons.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Don H. Bell,
Charles Hubbard,
Yvan Loubier,
John McKay,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Hon. Massimo Pacetti,
Brian Pallister,
Charlie Penson
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Larry Bagnell for Charles Hubbard,
Leon E. Benoit for Monte Solberg,
Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté,
Roy Cullen for John McKay,
and Rodger Cuzner for Don H. Bell.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
June Dewetering, principal.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
James Hood, Principal;
Andrew Lennox, Assistant Auditor General;
Douglas Timmins, Assistant Auditor General;
Basil Zafiriou, Principal.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 37

Thursday, February 3, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Larry Bagnell for Charles Hubbard, Leon E. Benoit for Monte Solberg, Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté, Roy Cullen for John McKay and Rodger Cuzner for Don H. Bell.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: June Dewetering, principal.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: James Hood, Principal; Andrew Lennox, Assistant Auditor General; Douglas Timmins, Assistant Auditor General; Basil Zafiriou, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of chapter 6 (Canada Revenue Agency-Resolving Disputes and Encouraging Voluntary Disclosures) of the 2004 Report of the Auditor General of Canada to the House of Commons.

Andrew Lennox and James Hood made statements and answered questions.

At 4:38 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:44 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of chapter 2 (Implementation of the National Initiative to Combat Money Laundering) of the Report of the Auditor General of Canada to the House of Commons.

Douglas Timmins and Basil Zafiriou made statements and answered questions.

At 5:32 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:46 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded, in camera, to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 5:50 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/02/04 2:32 p.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti. Lib.

Meeting No. 38

Tuesday, February 8, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 2, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-24, An Act to amend the Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts (fiscal equalization payments to the provinces and funding to the territories).

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Don H. Bell,
Guy Côté,
Charles Hubbard,
Yvan Loubier,
Hon. John McKay,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Brian Pallister,
Charlie Penson,
Monte Solberg
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian Fitzpatrick for Rona Ambrose,
Richard Harris for Monte Solberg,
and Rob Merrifield for Brian Pallister.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:

June Dewetering, principal.

House of Commons:

Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk;

Jean-François Lafleur, Legislative Clerk.

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:

Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. John McKay, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance.

WITNESSES:

Department of Finance:

François Delorme, Director, Federal-Provincial Relations and Social Policy Branch;

Sean Keenan, Chief, Senior Program Analyst, Federal-Provincial Relations Division and Social Policy Branch;

George Marshall, Senior Policy Officer, Equalization and Policy Development, Federal-Provincial Relations Divisions;

Clare Scullion, Senior General Counsel, Law Branch;

Jason Won, Chief, TFF and Northern Policy Development, Federal-Provincial Development.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 38

Tuesday, February 8, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Brian Fitzpatrick for Rona Ambrose, Richard Harris for Monte Solberg and Rob Merrifield for Brian Pallister.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: June Dewetering, principal. *House of Commons:* Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk; Jean-François Lafleur, Legislative Clerk. *Parliamentary Information and Research Service:* Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

Appearing: Hon. John McKay, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance.

Witnesses: Department of Finance: François Delorme, Director, Federal-Provincial Relations and Social Policy Branch; Sean Keenan, Chief, Senior Program Analyst, Federal-Provincial Relations Division and Social Policy Branch; George Marshall, Senior Policy Officer, Equalization and Policy Development, Federal-Provincial Relations Divisions; Clare Scullion, Senior General Counsel, Law Branch; Jason Won, Chief, TFF and Northern Policy Development, Federal-Provincial Development.

At 11:20 a.m., the committee proceeded in camera to the committee business.

At 12:12 p.m., the sitting resumed in public.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 2, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-24, An Act to amend the Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts (fiscal equalization payments to the provinces and funding to the territories).

The Parliamentary Secretary made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/02/11 10:02 a.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 39

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 2, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-24, An Act to amend the Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts (fiscal equalization payments to the provinces and funding to the territories)

Report by the Chair of Bill C-24, as amended, to the House of Commons

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of the motion of Yvan Loubier

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose
Don H. Bell
Guy Côté
Charles Hubbard
Yvan Loubier
Hon. John McKay
Hon. Maria Minna
Massimo Pacetti
Brian Pallister
Charlie Penson
Monte Solberg
Judy Wasylycia-Leis

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Harris for Monte Solberg
Wajid Khan for Charles Hubbard
Jeff Watson for Brian Pallister

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:

June Dewetering, principal;

Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. John McKay, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance

WITNESSES:

Department of Finance:

François Delorme, Director, Federal-Provincial Relations and Social Policy Branch;

Sean Keenan, Chief, Senior Program Analyst, Federal-Provincial Relations Division and Social Policy Branch;

George Marshall, Senior Policy Officer, Equalization and Policy Development, Federal-Provincial Relations Divisions;

Clare Scullion, Senior General Counsel, Law Branch;

Jason Won, Chief, TFF and Northern Policy Development, Federal-Provincial Development.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 39

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Richard Harris for Monte Solberg, Wajid Khan for Charles Hubbard and Jeff Watson for Brian Pallister.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: June Dewetering, principal; Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

Appearing: Hon. John McKay, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance.

Witnesses: Department of Finance: François Delorme, Director, Federal-Provincial Relations and Social Policy Branch; Sean Keenan, Chief, Senior Program Analyst, Federal-Provincial Relations Division and Social Policy Branch; Jason Won, Chief, TFF and Northern Policy Development, Federal-Provincial Development; Clare Scullion, Senior General Counsel, Law Branch; George Marshall, Senior Policy Officer, Equalization and Policy Development, Federal-Provincial Relations Divisions.

The Parliamentary Secretary made a statement and answered questions.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 2, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-24, An Act to amend the Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts (fiscal equalization payments to the provinces and funding to the territories).

The Committee commenced its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

John McKay moved, — That Bill C-24, in Clause 1, be amended by replacing line 15 on page 1 with the following:

“computed in accordance with section 4 of”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of John McKay and it was agreed to on division.

John McKay moved, — That Bill C-24, in Clause 1, be amended by replacing lines 40 to 46 on page 6 with the following:

“April 1, 2004 pursuant to

(a) item 15 for the Department of Finance set forth in the Main Estimates for that fiscal year, as laid

before the House of Commons during the thirty-seventh Parliament and as enacted by paragraph (2)(a) of *Appropriation Act No. 1, 2004-2005*, chapter 8 of the Statutes of Canada, 2004; and

(b) any item for the Department of Finance set forth in the supplementary estimates for that fiscal year, as laid before the House of Commons during the thirty-eighth Parliament and as enacted by any other appropriation Act.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of John McKay and it was agreed to on division.

Clause 1, as amended, carried on division.

Clause 2 carried on division.

John McKay moved, — That Bill C-24, in Clause 3, be amended by replacing line 46 on page 12 and line 1 on page 13 with the following:

“calculated in accordance with subsection (1.1), the Minister may recover the amount of”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of John McKay and it was agreed to on division.

By unanimous consent, Clauses 4 to 8 inclusive carried on division.

The Title carried.

The Bill, as amended, carried on division.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report the Bill, as amended, to the House.

At 4:00 p.m., Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of the motion of Yvan Loubier.

Pursuant the motion on 48 hour motion notice agreed on Tuesday, October 12, 2004:

Yvan Loubier moved, — That the Standing Committee on Finance make it a priority to review the tax agreement with Barbados by calling senior officials with the Department of Finance and all other relevant witnesses to appear and should be dealt with before the summer recess. .

Richard Harris moved, — To add after "appear" the words "and should be dealt with before the summer recess".

After debate, the question was put on the subamendment of Richard Harris and it was agreed to.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Richard Harris, Yvan Loubier, Charlie Penson, Judy Wasylycia-Leis, Jeff Watson — 8; NAYS: Wajid Khan, John McKay, Maria Minna — 3.

At 4:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/02/11 4:56 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 40

Thursday, February 10, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, February 4, 2005, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-33, A second Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 23, 2004.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Don H. Bell,
Guy Côté,
Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Brian Pallister,
Charlie Penson,
Monte Solberg
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté,
and Pierre A. Paquette for Yvan Loubier.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:

June Dewetering, principal;
Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

House of Commons:

Jean-François Lafleur, Legislative Clerk;
Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk;

APPEARING:

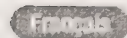
Hon. John McKay, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance.

WITNESSES:

Department of Finance:

Annie Carrier, Chief, First Nations Taxation Section,
Intergovernmental Tax Policy, Evaluation and Research Division,
Tax Policy Branch;
Brian Ernewein, Director, Tax Legislation Division, Tax Policy
Branch;
Len Farber, General Director, Tax Policy Branch;
Gérard Lalonde, Senior Chief, Tax Policy Branch, Tax Legislation
Division;
Eric Marion, Officer, Tax Policy Branch, Intergovernmental Tax
Policy, Evaluation and Research Division, First Nations Taxation
Section;
Geoff Trueman, Chief, Air Travellers Security Charge, Sales Tax
Division, Finance.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 40

Thursday, February 10, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 11:15 a.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté and Pierre A. Paquette for Yvan Loubier.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: June Dewetering, principal; Alexandre Laurin, analyst. *House of Commons:* Jean-François Lafleur, Legislative Clerk; Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

Appearing: Hon. John McKay, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance.

Witnesses: Department of Finance: Annie Carrier, Chief, First Nations Taxation Section, Intergovernmental Tax Policy, Evaluation and Research Division, Tax Policy Branch; Brian Ernewein, Director, Tax Legislation Division, Tax Policy Branch; Len Farber, General Director, Tax Policy Branch; Gérard Lalonde, Senior Chief, Tax Policy Branch, Tax Legislation Division; Eric Marion, Officer, Tax Policy Branch, Intergovernmental Tax Policy, Evaluation and Research Division, First Nations Taxation Section; Geoff Trueman, Chief, Air Travellers Security Charge, Sales Tax Division, Finance.

Pursuant the motion on 48 hour motion notice agreed on Tuesday, October 12, 2004:

Charlie Penson moved, — That, in relation to the motion adopted by this committee on December 1, 2004, the committee instruct the chairman to sign the contracts for the four specialists in budgetary estimates to conduct quarterly updates of the estimate for the fiscal balance, with the assistance of officials in the Department of Finance by the end of the business day today.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 3.

The Parliamentary Secretary made a statement and with Brian Ernewein, Geoff Trueman and Len Farber answered questions.

The Committee commenced its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, February 4, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-33, A second Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 23, 2004.

By unanimous consent, Clauses 2 to 65 inclusive carried on division.

Schedule 1 carried on division.

The Short Title carried.

The Title carried.

The Bill carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report the Bill to the House.

At 12:19 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/02/15 10:33 a.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 41

Tuesday, February 15, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, February 10, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-39, An Act to amend the Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements Act and to enact An Act respecting the provision of funding for diagnostic and medical equipment.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Guy Côté,
Charles Hubbard,
Yvan Loubier,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Charlie Penson
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Harris for Monte Solberg,
Wajid Khan for Don H. Bell,
and Rob Merrifield for Brian Pallister.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:

June Dewetering, principal.

House of Commons:

Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk;

Jean-François Lafleur, Legislative Clerk.

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:

Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. John McKay, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance;

Hon. Robert Thibault, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Health.

WITNESSES:

Department of Health:

Meena Ballantyne, Director General, Health Care Policy
Directorate.

Carole Johnson St-Amour, General Counsel, Assistant Director,
Legal Services.

Department of Finance:

Glenn R. Campbell, Senior Chief, Federal-Provincial Relations
Division.

Yvan Roy, Assistant Deputy Minister and Counsel to the
Department of Finance.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 41

Tuesday, February 15, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 208 West Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Charlie Penson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Richard Harris for Monte Solberg, Wajid Khan for Don H. Bell and Rob Merrifield for Brian Pallister.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: June Dewetering, principal. *House of Commons:* Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk; Jean-François Lafleur, Legislative Clerk. *Parliamentary Information and Research Service:* Alexandre Laurin, analyst.

Appearing: Hon. John McKay, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance; Hon. Robert Thibault, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Health.

Witnesses: Department of Health: Meena Ballantyne, Director General, Health Care Policy Directorate. *Department of Finance:* Glenn R. Campbell, Senior Chief, Federal-Provincial Relations Division. *Department of Health:* Carole Johnson St-Amour, General Counsel, Assistant Director, Legal Services. *Department of Finance:* Yvan Roy, Assistant Deputy Minister and Counsel to the Department of Finance.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, February 10, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-39, An Act to amend the Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements Act and to enact An Act respecting the provision of funding for diagnostic and medical equipment.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance made an opening statement and, with the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Health, Meena Ballantyne and Yvan Roy answered questions.

The Committee commenced its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

By unanimous consent, Clauses 1 to 5 inclusive carried.

On Clause 6,

Yvan Loubier moved, — That Bill C-39, in Clause 6, be amended by replacing lines 20 and 21 on page 4 with the following:

“25.91 For greater certainty and for the purposes of this Part (V.1), the 2004 10-Year Plan to”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Yvan Loubier and it was agreed to.

Clause 6, as amended, carried.

On Clause 7,

Yvan Loubier moved, — That Bill C-39, in Clause 7, be amended by adding after line 19 on page 5 the following:

“2. For greater certainty and for the purposes of this Act, the 2004 10-Year Plan to Strengthen Health Care includes the communiqués released in respect of the First Ministers’ Meeting on the Future of Health Care that was held from September 13 to 15, 2004.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Yvan Loubier and it was agreed to.

Clause 7, as amended, carried.

The Title carried.

The Bill, as amended, carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report the Bill ,as amended, to the House.

At 12:10 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:11 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 12:28 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/02/15 5:46 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 42

Thursday, February 17, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the motion of Charles Hubbard.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Don H. Bell,
Guy Côté,
Charles Hubbard,
Yvan Loubier,
Hon. John McKay,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Brian Pallister,
Charlie Penson,
Monte Solberg
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 42

Thursday, February 17, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 536 Wellington Building, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Library of Parliament.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the motion of Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Pursuant the motion on 48 hour motion notice agreed on Tuesday, October 12, 2004:

Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, — That the government of Canada develop skills and competence-related criteria for all government appointments, including Board Members and senior Officers of Crown Corporations and other government agencies, for which a Standing Committee has reviewing responsibility; and that this criteria specifically address the non-partisan nature of these appointments.

That the government then submit these criteria to each relevant Standing Committee of the House of Commons for consideration, and that the Committee be permitted to recommend changes if needed.

That the Government of Canada then publicly release, including publishing in the Canada Gazette, the approved criteria for each appointment.

That the names and qualifications of each nominee for an appointed position be referred to the appropriate Standing Committee prior to the date of their appointment, with an explanation of how each nominee's qualification has met the established criteria.

That each committee (which oversees appointments), unless it unanimously decides otherwise, shall have at least one full meeting, as needed, to review any government nominees for appointment.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 9; NAYS: 1.

At 12:24 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

2005/02/22 4:05 p.m.

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Meeting No. 43

Tuesday, February 22, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on Federal Fiscal Forecasting.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose
Don H. Bell
Guy Côté
Charles Hubbard
Yvan Loubier
Hon. John McKay
Hon. Maria Minna
Massimo Pacetti
Brian Pallister
Charlie Penson
Monte Solberg
Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Richard Harris for Brian Pallister.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Conference Board of Canada (The):

Paul Darby, Deputy Chief Economist;
Yves Ste Maurice, Principal Researcher;
Matthew Stewart, Senior Economist.

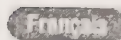
Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives:

Jim Stanford, Research Associate, Economist, Canadian Auto
Workers.

Global Insight Canada Ltd.:

Wojciech Szadurski, Senior Economist.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 43

Tuesday, February 22, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Richard Harris for Brian Pallister.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Library of Parliament.

Witnesses: Conference Board of Canada (The): Paul Darby, Deputy Chief Economist. *Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives:* Jim Stanford, Research Associate, Economist, Canadian Auto Workers.

Conference Board of Canada (The): Yves Ste Maurice, Principal Researcher; Matthew Stewart, Senior Economist. *Global Insight Canada Ltd.:* Wojciech Szadurski, Senior Economist.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Federal Fiscal Forecasting.

Paul Darby, Jim Stanford and Wojciech Szardurski made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:06 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/02/22 2:11 p.m.

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Meeting No. 44

Tuesday, March 8, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Federal Fiscal Forecasting

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Don H. Bell
Guy Côté
Charles Hubbard
Yvan Loubier
Hon. John McKay
Hon. Maria Minna
Massimo Pacetti
Charlie Penson
Judy Wasylycia-Leis

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Navdeep Bains for Hon. Maria Minna
Lynne Yelich for Monte Solberg

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives:
Ellen Russell, Senior Research Economist.

Global Insight Canada Ltd.:

Dale Orr, Managing Director, Canadian Macroeconomic Services.

As an individual:

Don Drummond, Chief Economist, TD Bank Financial Group.

Ellen Russell and Dale Orr made statements and, with Don Drummond, answered questions.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 44

Tuesday, March 8, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Charlie Penson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Navdeep Bains for Maria Minna and Lynne Yelich for Monte Solberg.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives: Ellen Russell, Senior Research Fellow. *Global Insight Canada Ltd.:* Dale Orr, Managing Director. *TD Bank Financial Group:* Don Drummond, Chief Economist.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Federal Fiscal Forecasting.

Ellen Russell and Dale Orr made statements and, with Don Drummond, answered questions.

At 12:56 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

2005/03/15 12:37 p.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 45

Tuesday, March 8, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on Federal Fiscal Forecasting.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Don H. Bell
Guy Côté
Yvan Loubier
Hon. John McKay
Hon. Maria Minna
Massimo Pacetti
Charlie Penson
Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Andrew Scheer for Rona Ambrose.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Council on Social Development:

John Anderson, Vice-President, Strategic Partnership and Alliances.

Conference Board of Canada:

Paul Darby, Deputy Chief Economist.

Caledon Institute of Social Policy:

Michael Mendelson, Policy analyst.

C.D. Howe Institute:

William B.P. Robson, Senior Vice President, Director of Research.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 45

Tuesday, March 8, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 3:38 p.m. this day, in Room 701 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Charlie Penson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Andrew Scheer for Rona Ambrose.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Council on Social Development: John Anderson, Vice-President, Strategic Partnership and Alliances. *Conference Board of Canada:* Paul Darby, Deputy Chief Economist. *Caledon Institute of Social Policy:* Michael Mendelson, Policy analyst. *C.D. Howe Institute:* William B.P. Robson, Senior Vice President, Director of Research.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Federal Fiscal Forecasting.

Michael Mendelson, Paul Darby, John Anderson and William B.P. Robson made statements and answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/03/15 12:38 p.m.

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Meeting No. 46

Wednesday, March 9, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on Federal Fiscal Forecasting.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Don H. Bell,
Guy Côté,
Charles Hubbard,
Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Brian Pallister
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Epp for Brian Pallister,
and Lynne Yelich for Rona Ambrose.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

U.S.A Congress:

Elizabeth Robinson, Deputy Director, Congressional Budget
Office.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 46

Wednesday, March 9, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met by videoconference at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 701 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Ken Epp for Brian Pallister and Lynne Yelich for Rona Ambrose.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Witnesses: U.S.A Congress: Elizabeth Robinson, Deputy Director, Congressional Budget Office.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Federal Fiscal Forecasting.

Elizabeth Robinson made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 47

Thursday, March 10, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 110 and 111, the Committee commenced consideration of the Order in Council appointment of Connie Ida Roveto to the position of Chair of the Board of Management of Canada Customs and Revenue Agency referred to the Committee on Wednesday, January 19, 2005.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the Motion of Brian Pallister.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Don H. Bell,
Guy Côté,
Charles Hubbard,
Yvan Loubier,
John McKay,
Massimo Pacetti,
Brian Pallister,
Charlie Penson,
Monte Solberg
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Wajid Khan for Maria Minna,
and Larry Miller for Rona Ambrose.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As an Individual:
Connie Ida Roveto.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 47

Thursday, March 10, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 536 Wellington Building, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Wajid Khan for Maria Minna and Larry Miller for Rona Ambrose.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Witnesses: As an Individual: Connie Ida Roveto.

At 11:05, the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 11:15, the Committee proceeded to sit in public.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 110 and 111, the Committee commenced consideration of the Order in Council appointment of Connie Ida Roveto to the position of Chair of the Board of Management of Canada Customs and Revenue Agency referred to the Committee on Wednesday, January 19, 2005.

Connie Ida Roveto made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:15, the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

It was agreed, — That the Committee recommend to the Governor in Council to proceed with the appointment of Connie Ida Roveto as Chair and Director of the Board of Management of the Canada Revenue Agency.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the Motion of Brian Pallister.

Pursuant the motion on 48 hour motion notice agreed on Tuesday, October 12, 2004:

It was agreed on division, — That the committee or the other Appropriate Committee calls the President of the Royal Canadian Mint to appear before it and discuss the contract entered into by the Mint with Tim Horton's for the distribution of the Poppy Coin and

That the Committee calls, on the same day, the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Royal Canadian Mint to discuss the contract entered into by the Royal Canadian Mint with Tim Horton's for the distribution of the Poppy Coin.

At 1:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 48

Tuesday, March 22, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the Annual Report 2004 of the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Unreported Transactions from Financial Services Companies neither licensed nor regulated (FINTRAC).

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Guy Côté,
Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Brian Pallister
and Charlie Penson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Harris for Brian Pallister.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Roy Cullen.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

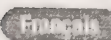
WITNESSES:

Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada:

Paul Dubrule, General Counsel;
Horst Intscher, Director;
Denis Meunier, Assistant Director, Reporting Entity Relationships;
Sandra Wing, Deputy Director, External Relationships.

Horst Intscher made a statement and, with Denis Meunier and Paul Dubrule, answered questions.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 48

Tuesday, March 22, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 11:12 a.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Guy Côté, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister and Charlie Penson.

Acting Members present: Richard Harris for Brian Pallister.

Associate Members present: Hon. Roy Cullen.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada: Paul Dubrule, General Counsel; Horst Intscher, Director; Denis Meunier, Assistant Director, Reporting Entity Relationships; Sandra Wing, Deputy Director, External Relationships.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the Annual Report 2004 of the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Unreported Transactions from Financial Services Companies neither liscensed nor regulated (FINTRAC).

Horst Intscher made a statement and, with Denis Meunier and Paul Dubrule, answered questions.

At 12:53 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/03/23 2:06 p.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 49

Thursday, March 24, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Unreported Transactions from Financial Services Companies neither licensed nor regulated (FINTRAC).

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, January 31, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-259, An Act to amend the Excise Tax Act (elimination of excise tax on jewellery).

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Don H. Bell,
Guy Côté,
Charles Hubbard,
Hon. John McKay,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Brian Pallister,
Charlie Penson,
Monte Solberg
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Bouchard for Yvan Loubier,
Peter Goldring for Rona Ambrose,
Deepak Obhrai for Brian Pallister,
Russ Powers for Don H. Bell,
and Lynne Yelich for Charlie Penson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

WITNESS:

House of Commons:
John Duncan, M.P., Vancouver Island North.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 49

Thursday, March 24, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 11:11 a.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Robert Bouchard for Yvan Loubier, Peter Goldring for Rona Ambrose, Deepak Obhrai for Brian Pallister, Russ Powers for Don H. Bell and Lynne Yelich for Charlie Penson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Witnesses: House of Commons: John Duncan, M.P., Vancouver Island North.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Unreported Transactions from Financial Services Companies neither liscensed nor regulated (FINTRAC).

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, January 31, 2005, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-259, An Act to amend the Excise Tax Act (elimination of excise tax on jewellery).

John Duncan made a statement and answered questions. The Hon.

John McKay moved, — That Bill C-259 be dismissed.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 6.

At 11:45 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:46 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 11:53 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/03/24 2:56 p.m.

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38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 50

Tuesday, April 5, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on Federal Fiscal Forecasting.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Don H. Bell,
Guy Côté,
Charles Hubbard,
Yvan Loubier,
Hon. John McKay,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Brian Pallister,
Charlie Penson,
Monte Solberg
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Harris for Brian Pallister,
Peter Julian for Judy Wasylycia-Leis,
and Bradley R. Trost for Rona Ambrose.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Conference Board of Canada:

Paul Darby, Deputy Chief Economist.

Global Insight Inc.:

Dale Orr, Managing Director, Canadian Macroeconomic Services.

As Individuals:

Matthieu Plante, Economist, Economics Sciences Department,
University of Montreal.

Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives:

Jim Stanford, Research Associate; Economist, Canadian Auto
Workers.

Conference Board of Canada:

Yves Ste Maurice, Principal Researcher;
Matthew Stewart, Senior Economist.

As Individuals:

François Vaillancourt, Professor, Economics Sciences Department,
University of Montreal.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 50

Tuesday, April 5, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, Hon. John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Richard Harris for Brian Pallister, Peter Julian for Judy Wasylycia-Leis and Bradley R. Trost for Rona Ambrose.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Conference Board of Canada: Paul Darby, Deputy Chief Economist. *Global Insight Inc.:* Dale Orr, Managing Director, Canadian Macroeconomic Services, Global Insight Inc.. *As Individuals:* Matthieu Plante, Economist, Economics Sciences Department, University of Montreal. *Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives:* Jim Stanford, Research Associate, Economist, Canadian Auto Workers. *Conference Board of Canada:* Yves Ste Maurice, Principal Researcher; Matthew Stewart, Senior Economist. *As Individuals:* François Vaillancourt, Professor, Economics Sciences Department, University of Montreal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Federal Fiscal Forecasting.

Paul Darby, Jim Stanford, Dale Orr and François Vaillancourt made statements and answered questions.

At 1:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/05 3:36 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, CPC

Meeting No. 51

Thursday, April 7, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2005-2006: Votes 1, 5, 10, L15, 30 and 35 under Finance referred to the Committee on Friday, February 25, 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Don H. Bell,
Guy Côté,
Charles Hubbard,
Hon. John McKay,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Brian Pallister,
Charlie Penson
and Monte Solberg.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Christopherson for Judy Wasylycia-Leis,
Wajid Khan for Charles Hubbard,
Hon. Lawrence MacAulay for Massimo Pacetti,
Pierre A. Paquette for Yvan Loubier,
and Hon. Judy Sgro for Massimo Pacetti.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Finance:

Mark Carney, Senior Associate Deputy Minister;
Paul-Henri Lapointe, Assistant Deputy Minister, Economic and
Fiscal Policy Branch;
Marilyn MacPherson, Executive Director, Corporate Services
Branch;
Serge Dupont, General Director, Tax Policy Branch.

Mark Carney made a statement and, with the Barbara Anderson, Frank Swedlove, Serge Dupont and Marilyn Macpherson, answered questions.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 51

Thursday, April 7, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, the Vice-Chair, Charlie Penson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Hon. John McKay, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson and Monte Solberg.

Acting Members present: David Christopherson for Judy Wasylycia-Leis, Wajid Khan for Charles Hubbard, Hon. Lawrence MacAulay for Massimo Pacetti, Pierre A. Paquette for Yvan Loubier and Hon. Judy Sgro for Massimo Pacetti.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Finance: Mark Carney, Senior Associate Deputy Minister; Paul-Henri Lapointe, Assistant Deputy Minister, Economic and Fiscal Policy Branch; Marilyn MacPherson, Executive Director, Corporate Services Branch; Serge Dupont, General Director, Tax Policy Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2005-2006: Votes 1, 5, 10, L15 and 25 under Finance referred to the Committee on Friday, February 25, 2005.

Mark Carney made a statement and, with the Barbara Anderson, Frank Swedlove, Serge Dupont and Marilyn Macpherson, answered questions.

At 1:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/12 2:36 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 52

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on Federal Fiscal Forecasting.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Don H. Bell,
Guy Côté,
Charles Hubbard,
Yvan Loubier,
Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Brian Pallister
and Charlie Penson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté,
and Pierre A. Paquette for Yvan Loubier.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Finance:

Peter DeVries, General Director, Deputy Minister's Office;
Paul-Henri Lapointe, Assistant Deputy Minister, Economic and
Fiscal Policy Branch;
Paul Rochon, Director, Economic and Fiscal Policy Branch
Branch.

Paul-Henri Lapointe made a statement and, with Peter Devries, answered questions.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 52

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 11:11 a.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister and Charlie Penson.

Acting Members present: Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté and Pierre A. Paquette for Yvan Loubier.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Finance: Peter DeVries, General Director, Deputy Minister's Office; Paul-Henri Lapointe, Assistant Deputy Minister, Economic and Fiscal Policy Branch; Paul Rochon, Director, Economic and Fiscal Policy Branch Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Federal Fiscal Forecasting.

Paul-Henri Lapointe made a statement and, with Peter Devries, answered questions.

At 12:57 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/12 2:36 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 53

Thursday, April 14, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2005-2006: Vote 35 under Finance referred to the Committee on Friday, February 25, 2005.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(7), the Committee commenced consideration of the PART III: Report on Plans and Priorities 2005-2006 of the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions Canada.

Pursuant to Standing Order 32(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Annual Report 2003-2004 of the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions Canada, referred to the Committee on October 7, 2004.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2005-2006: Votes 1, 5, 10, L15, 30 and 35 under Finance referred to the Committee on Friday, February 25, 2005.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2005-2006: Votes 1, 5, 10, L15, 30 and 35 under Finance referred to the Committee on Friday, February 25, 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose
Don H. Bell
Guy Côté
Charles Hubbard
Yvan Loubier
Hon. John McKay
Hon. Maria Minna
Brian Pallister
Charlie Penson
Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Richard Harris for Monte Solberg.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions Canada:
Nicholas Le Pan, Superintendent of Financial Institutions;
Donna Pasteris, Assistant Superintendent, Corporate Services.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 53

Thursday, April 14, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Maria Minna, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Richard Harris for Monte Solberg.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions Canada: Nicholas Le Pan, Superintendent of Financial Institutions; Donna Pasteris, Assistant Superintendent, Corporate Services.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2005-2006: Vote 35 under FINANCE referred to the Committee on Friday, February 25, 2005.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(7), the Committee commenced consideration of the PART III: Report on Plans and Priorities 2005-2006 of the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions Canada.

Pursuant to Standing Order 32(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Annual Report 2003-2004 of the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions Canada, referred to the Committee on October 7, 2004.

Nicholas Le Pan made a statement and answered questions.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee resumed consideration of the Main Estimates 2005-2006: Votes 1, 5, 10, L15, 30 and 35 under FINANCE referred to the Committee on Friday, February 25, 2005.

Putting of the question on the Votes 1, 5, 10, L15, 30 and 35 under FINANCE referred to the Committee on Friday, February 25, 2005.

The chair proceeded to the putting of the question on the votes under FINANCE of the Main-Estimates 2005-2006.

Vote 1 less the amount voted in interim supply agreed to on division.

Vote 5 less the amount voted in interim supply agreed to on division.

Vote 10 less the amount voted in interim supply agreed to on division.

Vote L15 less the amount voted in interim supply agreed to on division.

Vote 30 less the amount voted in interim supply agreed to on division.

Vote 35 less the amount voted in interim supply agreed to on division.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report Votes 1, 5, 10, L15, 30 and 35, less the amounts voted in Interim Supply, under FINANCE to the House.

At 12:52 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/19 12:01 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 54

Tuesday, April 19, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of the Report of the Governor of the Bank of Canada on Monetary Policy.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose
Don H. Bell
Guy Côté
Charles Hubbard
Yvan Loubier
Hon. John McKay
Hon. Maria Minna
Massimo Pacetti
Charlie Penson
Monte Solberg
Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Richard Harris for Brian Pallister.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Bank of Canada:

David A. Dodge, Governor;

Paul Jenkins, Senior Deputy Governor.

David A. Dodge made a statement and, with Paul Jenkins, answered questions.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 54

Tuesday, April 19, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 11:35 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, Hon. John McKay, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Richard Harris for Brian Pallister.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Bank of Canada: David A. Dodge, Governor; Paul Jenkins, Senior Deputy Governor.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of the Report of the Governor of the Bank of Canada on Monetary Policy.

David A. Dodge made a statement and, with Paul Jenkins, answered questions.

At 1:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/20 8:48 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 55

Thursday, April 21, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2005-2006: Vote 1 and 5 under Canada Customs and Revenue Agency referred to the Committee on Friday, February 25, 2005.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2005-2006: Vote 25 under FINANCE referred to the Committee on Friday, February 25, 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Don H. Bell,
Guy Côté,
Charles Hubbard,
Hon. John McKay,
Massimo Pacetti,
Charlie Penson,
Monte Solberg
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Bouchard for Yvan Loubier,
Susan Kadis for Hon. Maria Minna,
and Larry Miller for Brian Pallister.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canada Customs and Revenue Agency:
Michel Dorais, Commissioner;
Jim Ralston, Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Commissioner,
Finance and Administration Branch;
John Kowalski, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Compliance
Programs Branch;
Ed Gauthier, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Policy and
Legislation Branch;
Barbara Slater, Assistant Commissioner, Assessment and Client
Services Branch;
Guy Proulx, Assistant Commissioner, Revenue Collections
Branch.

Michel Dorais made a statement and, with Jim Ralston, John Kowalski, Ed Gauthier, Barbara Slater and Guy Proulx, answered questions.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 55

Thursday, April 21, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Vice-Chair, Charlie Penson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Hon. John McKay, Massimo Pacetti, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Robert Bouchard for Yvan Loubier, Susan Kadis for Hon. Maria Minna and Larry Miller for Brian Pallister.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canada Customs and Revenue Agency: Michel Dorais, Commissioner; Jim Ralston, Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Commissioner, Finance and Administration Branch; John Kowalski, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Compliance Programs Branch; Ed Gauthier, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Policy and Legislation Branch; Barbara Slater, Assistant Commissioner, Assessment and Client Services Branch; Guy Proulx, Assistant Commissioner, Revenue Collections Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2005-2006: Vote 1 and 5 under CANADA CUSTOMS AND REVENUE AGENCY referred to the Committee on Friday, February 25, 2005.

Michel Dorais made a statement and, with Jim Ralston, John Kowalski, Ed Gauthier, Barbara Slater and Guy Proulx, answered questions.

By unanimous consent, the Chair called Votes 1 and 5 under CANADA CUSTOMS AND REVENUE AGENCY referred to the Committee on Friday, February 25, 2005.

Vote 1 under CANADA CUSTOMS AND REVENUE AGENCY, less the amount voted in interim supply, agreed to on division.

Vote 5 under CANADA CUSTOMS AND REVENUE AGENCY, less the amount voted in interim supply, agreed to on division.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2005-2006: Vote 25 under FINANCE referred to the Committee on Friday, February 25, 2005.

By unanimous consent, the Chair called Vote 25 under FINANCE referred to the Committee on Friday, February 25, 2005.

Vote 25 under Finance, less the amount voted in interim supply, agreed to on division.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report Votes 1 and 5, less the amounts voted in Interim Supply, under CANADA CUSTOMS AND REVENUE AGENCY and to report Vote 25, less the amounts voted in Interim Supply, under FINANCE to the House.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee Business.

It was agreed, — That the budget for the four consultants on the Federal Fiscal Forecasting be approved.

At 12:51 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/26 11:05 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti. Lib.

Meeting No. 56

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 89 of the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency Act, the Committee commenced the statutory review of the Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Don H. Bell,
Guy Côté,
Charles Hubbard,
Yvan Loubier,
John McKay,
Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Brian Pallister,
Charlie Penson
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Sheena Starky, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canada Customs and Revenue Agency:

Michel Dorais, Commissioner;
William McCloskey, Special Advisor to the Commissioner;
Jim Ralston, Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Commissioner,
Finance and Administration Branch;
Dan Tucker, Assistant Commissioner, Human Resources Branch;
John Kowalski, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Compliance
Programs Branch.

Michel Dorais made a statement and, with John Kowalski, answered questions.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 56

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Sheena Starky, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canada Customs and Revenue Agency: Michel Dorais, Commissioner; William McCloskey, Special Advisor to the Commissioner; Jim Ralston, Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Commissioner, Finance and Administration Branch; Dan Tucker, Assistant Commissioner, Human Resources Branch; John Kowalski, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Compliance Programs Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and section 89 of the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency Act, the Committee commenced the statutory review of the Act.

Michel dorais made a statement and, with John Kowalski, answered questions.

At 12:18 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/05/03 2:39 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 57

Thursday, May 5, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Orders 110 and 111, the Committee commenced consideration of the certificate of nomination of Guy Saint-Pierre to the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation which was referred to the Committee on Friday, April 22, 2005.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the Annual Report 2004 of the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Don H. Bell,
Guy Côté,
Charles Hubbard,
Hon. John McKay,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Brian Pallister,
Charlie Penson
and Monte Solberg.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation:
Guy Saint-Pierre, Chief Executive Officer.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 57

Thursday, May 5, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Hon. John McKay, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson and Monte Solberg.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation: Guy Saint-Pierre, Chief Executive Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 110 and 111, the Committee commenced consideration of the certificate of nomination of Guy Saint-Pierre to the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation which was referred to the Committee on Friday, April 22, 2005.

Guy Saint-Pierre made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:35 a.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

It was agreed, — That the Committee recommend to the Governor in Council to proceed with the appointment of Guy Saint-Pierre to the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation..

At 11:38 a.m., the Committee proceeded to sit in public.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the Annual Report 2004 of the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Guy Saint-Pierre made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:21 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/05/05 2:25 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 58

Tuesday, May 10, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, January 31, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-259, An Act to amend the Excise Tax Act (elimination of excise tax on jewellery).

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Don H. Bell,
Guy Côté,
Charles Hubbard,
Hon. Maria Minna
and Massimo Pacetti.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Merv Tweed for Brian Pallister,
and Lynne Yelich for Charlie Penson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Sheena Starky, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Jewellers Association:

Carmen Rivet, President;

Mo Charania, Vice-President, Chair of Government Relations
Committee.

Quebec Jewellers' Corporation:

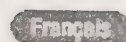
Habib Malo, Secretary;

Robert Beaulne, 1st Vice-President;

André Marchand, President;

Lise Petitpas, Director general .

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 58

Tuesday, May 10, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 11:24 a.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Hon. Maria Minna and Massimo Pacetti.

Acting Members present: Merv Tweed for Brian Pallister and Lynne Yelich for Charlie Penson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Sheena Starky, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Jewellers Association: Carmen Rivet, President; Mo Charania, Vice-President, Chair of Government Relations Committee. *Quebec Jewellers' Corporation:* Habib Malo, Secretary; Robert Beaulne, 1st Vice-President; André Marchand, President; Lise Petitpas, Director general .

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, January 31, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-259, An Act to amend the Excise Tax Act (elimination of excise tax on jewellery).

Mo Charania, Carmen Rivet and André Marchand made statements and answered questions.

At 11:58 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/05/10 2:15 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 59

Thursday, May 12, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 32(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Annual Report 2003-2004 of the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions Canada, referred to the Committee on October 7, 2004.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Don H. Bell,
Charles Hubbard,
Hon. John McKay,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions Canada:
Jean Claude Ménard, Chief Actuary.

Marc-Olivier Girard
Committee Clerk

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 59

Thursday, May 12, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 11:54 a.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Don H. Bell, Charles Hubbard, Hon. John McKay, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions Canada: Jean-Claude Ménard, Chief Actuary.

Pursuant to Standing Order 32(5), the Committee resumed consideration of the Annual Report 2003-2004 of the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions Canada referred to the Committee on October 7, 2004.

Jean Claude Ménard made statements and answered questions.

At 1:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marc-Olivier Girard
Committee Clerk

2005/05/12 2:15 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 60

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, January 31, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-259, An Act to amend the Excise Tax Act (elimination of excise tax on jewellery).

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Don H. Bell,
Guy Côté,
Charles Hubbard,
Yvan Loubier,
Hon. John McKay,
Massimo Pacetti,
Brian Pallister,
Charlie Penson
and Monte Solberg.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Epp for Rona Ambrose,
and Susan Kadis for Hon. Maria Minna.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Jean-François Lafleur, Legislative Clerk.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 60

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 11:12 a.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, Hon. John McKay, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson and Monte Solberg.

Acting Members present: Ken Epp for Rona Ambrose and Susan Kadis for Hon. Maria Minna.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Jean-François Lafleur, Legislative Clerk.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, January 31, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-259, An Act to amend the Excise Tax Act (elimination of excise tax on jewellery).

Geoff Trueman made a statement and answered questions.

Charlie Penson moved, — That the Committee proceed to the Clause by Clause consideration of Bill C-259 this Thursday, May 19, 2005.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 4.

At 12:12 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/05/17 2:51 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti. Lib.

Meeting No. 61

Thursday, May 19, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, January 31, 2005, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-259, An Act to amend the Excise Tax Act (elimination of excise tax on jewellery).

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) [and the motion adopted by the Committee on [date referred]], the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of [subject].

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) [and the motion adopted by the Committee on [date referred]], the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of [subject].

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Don H. Bell,
Guy Côté,
Charles Hubbard,
Yvan Loubier,
Hon. John McKay,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Brian Pallister,
Charlie Penson,
Monte Solberg
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Szabo for Hon. John McKay.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

June Dewetering, Principal.

House of Commons:

Jean-François Lafleur, Legislative Clerk.

WITNESSES:

Department of Finance:

Geoff Trueman, Senior Tax Policy Officer, Sales Tax Division,
Tax Policy Branch.

John Duncan, M.P., Vancouver Island North;

Doug Ward, Legislative Counsel, Law clerk and Parliamentary Counsel
Office.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 61

Thursday, May 19, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 10:07 a.m. this day, in Room 701 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, Hon. John McKay, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Paul Szabo for Hon. John McKay.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal. *House of Commons:* Jean-François Lafleur, Legislative Clerk.

Witnesses: Department of Finance: Geoff Trueman, Senior Tax Policy Officer, Sales Tax Division, Tax Policy Branch. John Duncan, M.P., Vancouver Island North; Doug Ward, Legislative Counsel, Law clerk and Parliamentary Counsel Office.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, January 31, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-259, An Act to amend the Excise Tax Act (elimination of excise tax on jewellery).

The Committee commenced its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

Geoff Trueman made a statement and answered questions.

The Chair called Clause 1.

On Clause 1,

Charlie Penson moved, — That Bill C-259, in Clause 1, be amended by replacing lines 22 and 23 on page 1 with the following:

“1. Section 5 of Schedule I to the *Excise Tax Act* is replaced by the following:”

5. Clocks adapted to household or personal use, except those specially designed for the use of the blind, ten per cent of the amount by which the sale price or duty paid value exceeds fifty dollars.”

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Charlie Penson and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 5.

Clause 1, as amended, carried.

The Preamble carried on division.

The Title carried on division.

The question: "Shall the Bill, as amended, carry?" was put and was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Rona Ambrose, Guy Côté, Yvan Loubier, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg — 6; NAYS: Don H. Bell, Charles Hubbard, Maria Minna, Paul Szabo, Judy Wasylycia-Leis — 5.

ORDERED, — That the Vice-Chair Charlie Penson report the Bill ,as amended, to the House.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the motion of Yvan Loubier (Estimate the turning point for the tax on tobacco, with the double goal of combating tobacco use and increasing tax revenues).

Pursuant the motion on 48 hour motion notice agreed on TUESday, October 12, 2004:

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Finance recommend: 1. That the Department of Finance, in conjunction with the Department of Health, estimate the turning point for the tax rate on tobacco, with the double goal of combating tobacco use and increasing tax revenues. That this study be tabled jointly before the Standing Committee on Finance and the Standing Committee on Health by October 30, 2005. And that the Committee report and make recommendations to the House of Commons.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the motion of Yvan Loubier (Tax treaty with Barbados).

Pursuant the motion on 48 hour motion notice agreed on Tuesday, October 12, 2004:

Yvan Loubier moved, — That the Standing Committee on Finance, on adoption of a motion regarding the tax treaty with Barbados, schedule one or more televised committee meetings before the House rises for the summer recess.

That the Committee should hear evidence from the following witnesses and any other individuals or groups who request to appear:

- officials from the Department of Finance and the Canada Revenue Agency with expertise in tax treaties, especially with section 30(3) of the Barbados tax treaty and section 5907(11.2)(c) of the Income Tax Regulations;
- members of the board of directors of Canada Steamship Lines;
- members of the board of directors of CSL International;
- representatives of the Office of the Auditor General of Canada;
- representatives of ATTAC;
- André Lareau, tax lawyer;
- Guylaine Leclerc, forensic accountant; and

- Brigitte Alepin, tax expert.

And that the Committee report and make recommendations to the House of Commons.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Rona Ambrose, Guy Côté, Yvan Loubier, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg — 6; NAYS: Maria Minna, Paul Szabo, Judy Wasylycia-Leis — 3.

At 11:33 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/05/27 10:45 a.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 62

Tuesday, May 31, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, May 19, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-43, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 23, 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Don H. Bell,
Guy Côté,
Charles Hubbard,
Yvan Loubier,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Brian Pallister,
Charlie Penson,
Monte Solberg
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Norman Doyle for Brian Pallister,
Loyola Hearn for Monte Solberg,
Gerald Keddy for Rona Ambrose,
and Peter MacKay for Charlie Penson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:

Jean-François Lafleur, Legislative Clerk.

Library of Parliament:

June Dewetering, Principal;

Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. John McKay, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance.

WITNESSES:

Department of Finance:

Mark Carney, Senior Associate Deputy Minister;

Bob Hamilton, Assistant Deputy Minister, Tax Policy Branch.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 62

Tuesday, May 31, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Norman Doyle for Brian Pallister, Loyola Hearn for Monte Solberg, Gerald Keddy for Rona Ambrose and Peter MacKay for Charlie Penson.

In attendance: House of Commons: Jean-François Lafleur, Legislative Clerk. *Library of Parliament:* June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. John McKay, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance.

Witnesses: Department of Finance: Mark Carney, Senior Associate Deputy Minister; Bob Hamilton, Assistant Deputy Minister, Tax Policy Branch.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, May 19, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-43, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 23, 2005.

Peter Mackay gave 48 hour notice of the following motion;

That the committee report to the House seeking instruction to divide Bill C-43, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 23, 2005, into two bills: Bill C-43A, An Act to provide payments to provinces and territories and an Act to implement the Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador additional fiscal equalization offset payments and Bill C-43B, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 23, 2005; that Bill C-43A be composed of Part 24 (Payments to certain provinces and territories) and Part 12 (Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador additional fiscal equalization offset payments); that Bill C-43B be composed of all remaining Parts of Bill C-43; that the House order the printing of Bills C-43A and C-43B; that the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel be authorized to make such technical changes or corrections as may be necessary to give effect to this motion; that Bill C-43A be reported back to the House immediately; and that the Standing Committee on Finance stop its study of Bill C-43 and Bill C-48 until such time as the House decides the matter of dividing Bill C-43, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 23, 2005.

The Hon. John McKay and Mark Carney made statements and answered questions.

Monte Solberg gave 48 hour notice of the following motion;

That, when the House instructs the committee to divided Bill C-43, An Act to implement certain

provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 23, 2005 into two bills; Bill C-43A and Bill C-43B, that it report to the House seeking a further instruction to divide Bill C-43B, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 23, 2005, into two bills: Bill C-43C, An Act to establish the Canada Emission Reduction Incentives Agency, an act to implement the Greenhouse Gas Technology Investment Fund and an act to amend the Canadian Environment Protection Act, 1999 and Bill C-43D, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 23, 2005; that Bill C-43C be composed of Part 13 (Canada Emission Reduction Incentives Agency), Part 14 (Greenhouse Gas Technology Investment Fund) and Part 15 (Amendments to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999); that Bill C-43D be composed of all remaining Parts of Bill C-43B; that the House order the printing of Bills C-43C and C-43D; that the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel be authorized to make such technical changes or corrections as may be necessary to give effect to this motion; and that the Standing Committee on Finance stop its study of Bill C-43B and Bill C-48 until such time as the House decides the matter of dividing Bill C-43B, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 23, 2005.

At 12:51 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/08 2:32 p.m.

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IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 63

Tuesday, May 31, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met *in camera* at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, Hon. John McKay, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Weis.

in attendance: Library of Parliament: Alexandre Laurin, Analyst; Sheena Starky, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 4:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/05/31 5:07 p.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 64

Thursday, June 2, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of study on the Motion of Monte Solberg.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the motion of Peter Mackay.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, May 19, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-43, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 23, 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Don H. Bell,
Guy Côté,
Charles Hubbard,
Yvan Loubier,
Hon. John McKay,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Brian Pallister,
Charlie Penson,
Monte Solberg
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Peter MacKay for Brian Pallister,
Andrew Scheer for Rona Ambrose,
Gary Schellenberger for Charlie Penson,
and Kevin Sorenson for Monte Solberg.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers:
Pierre R. Alvarez, President.

Canadian Petroleum Products Institute:
C. Dane Baily, Vice-President, Business and Communications;
Jack Belletrutti, Vice-President.

Canadian Labour Congress:
Andrew Jackson, Senior Economist.

Canadian Council of Chief Executives:
David Stewart-Patterson, Executive Vice-President.

Canadian Taxpayers Federation:
John Williamson, Federal Director.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 64

Thursday, June 2, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, Hon. John McKay, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Peter MacKay for Brian Pallister, Andrew Scheer for Rona Ambrose, Gary Schellenberger for Charlie Penson and Kevin Sorenson for Monte Solberg.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers: Pierre R. Alvarez, President. *Canadian Petroleum Products Institute:* C. Dane Baily, Vice-President, Business and Communications; Jack Belletrutti, Vice-President. *Canadian Labour Congress:* Andrew Jackson, Senior Economist. *Canadian Council of Chief Executives:* David Stewart-Patterson, Executive Vice-President. *Canadian Taxpayers Federation:* John Williamson, Federal Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the Motion of Peter Mackay.

Pursuant the motion on 48 hour motion notice agreed on Tuesday, October 12, 2004:

Peter MacKay moved, — That, when the House instructs the committee to divided Bill C-43, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 23, 2005 into two bills; Bill C-43A and Bill C-43B, that it report to the House seeking a further instruction to divide Bill C-43B, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 23, 2005, into two bills: Bill C-43C, An Act to establish the Canada Emission Reduction Incentives Agency, an act to implement the Greenhouse Gas Technology Investment Fund and an act to amend the Canadian Environment Protection Act, 1999 and Bill C-43D, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 23, 2005; that Bill C-43C be composed of Part 13 (Canada Emission Reduction Incentives Agency), Part 14 (Greenhouse Gas Technology Investment Fund) and Part 15 (Amendments to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999); that Bill C-43D be composed of all remaining Parts of Bill C-43B; that the House order the printing of Bills C-43C and C-43D; that the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel be authorized to make such technical changes or corrections as may be necessary to give effect to this motion; and that the Standing Committee on Finance stop its study of Bill C-43B and Bill C-48 until such time as the House decides the matter of dividing Bill C-43B, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 23, 2005.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Rona Ambrose, Peter MacKay, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg, Judy Wasylycia-Leis — 5; NAYS: Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Maria Minna — 6.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the motion of Monte

Solberg.

Pursuant the motion on 48 hour motion notice agreed on Tuesday, October 12, 2004:

Monte Solberg moved, — That the committee report to the House seeking instruction to divide Bill C-43, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 23, 2005, into two bills: Bill C-43A, An Act to provide payments to provinces and territories and an Act to implement the Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador additional fiscal equalization offset payments and Bill C-43B, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 23, 2005; that Bill C-43A be composed of Part 24 (Payments to certain provinces and territories) and Part 12 (Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador additional fiscal equalization offset payments); that Bill C-43B be composed of all remaining Parts of Bill C-43; that the House order the printing of Bills C-43A and C-43B; that the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel be authorized to make such technical changes or corrections as may be necessary to give effect to this motion; that Bill C-43A be reported back to the House immediately; and that the Standing Committee on Finance stop its study of Bill C-43 and Bill C-48 until such time as the House decides the matter of dividing Bill C-43, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 23, 2005.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Rona Ambrose, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg, Judy Wasylycia-Leis — 5; NAYS: Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Maria Minna — 6.

At 11:54 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:03 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, May 19, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-43, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 23, 2005.

David Stewart-Patterson, Pierre R. Alvarez, Jack Belletrtti, John Williamson and Andrew Jackson made statements and answered questions.

Judy Wasylycia-Leis gave a 48 hour notice of the following motion:

That the Standing Committee on Finance report back to the House on Bill C-43 and C-48 by June 10th, 2005.

At 1:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/02 5:48 p.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 65

Thursday, June 2, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, May 19, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-43, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 23, 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose
Don H. Bell
Guy Côté
Yvan Loubier
Hon. John McKay
Hon. Maria Minna
Massimo Pacetti
Brian Pallister
Charlie Penson
Monte Solberg
Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Nancy Karetak-Lindell for Charles Hubbard.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

June Dewetering, Principal
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Home Builders' Association:

David Crenna, Director, Urban Affairs
John Kenward, Chief Operating Officer
David Wassmansdorf, President.

Advocates for Childcare Choice:

Kate Tennier, Founder.

Canadian Chemical Producers' Association:

Richard Paton, President and Chief Executive Officer
Gordon Lloyd, Vice-President, Technical Affairs.

David Wassmandorf, Kate Tennier and Richard Paton made statements and, with Gordon Lloyd and John Kenward, answered questions.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 65

Thursday, June 2, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Nancy Karetak-Lindell for Charles Hubbard.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Home Builders' Association: David Crenna, Director, Urban Affairs; John Kenward, Chief Operating Officer. *Advocates for Childcare Choice:* Kate Tennier, Founder. *Canadian Home Builders' Association:* David Wassmansdorf, President. *Canadian Chemical Producers' Association:* Richard Paton, President and Chief Executive Officer; Gordon Lloyd, Vice-President, Technical Affairs.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, May 19, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-43, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 23, 2005.

David Wassmandorf, Kate Tennier and Richard Paton made statements and, with Gordon Lloyd and John Kenward, answered questions.

Judy Wasylycia-Leis gave a 48 hour notice motion of the following motion:

That the Standing Committee on Finance meet to continue to study Bill C-43 and Bill C-48 every day that the House sits until both Bills are reported back to the House.

At 5:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/09 3:28 p.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 66

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 66

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met *in camera* at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Committee considered the Report of the Sub-Committee on Fiscal Imbalance.

It was agreed on division, — That the Report be adopted.

ORDERED, — That the Chair present the Report to the House.

At 11:38 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/08 1:31 p.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 67

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, May 19, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-43, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 23, 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Don H. Bell,
Guy Côté,
Charles Hubbard,
Yvan Loubier,
Hon. John McKay,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Brian Pallister,
Charlie Penson,
Monte Solberg
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst;
Sheena Starky, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. John McKay, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance.

WITNESSES:

Department of Finance:

Len Farber, General Director, Tax Policy Branch;
Serge Nadeau, Director, Personal Income Tax Division.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 67

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 11:43 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, Hon. John McKay, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst; Sheena Starky, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. John McKay, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance.

Witnesses: Department of Finance: Len Farber, General Director, Tax Policy Branch; Serge Nadeau, Director, Personal Income Tax Division.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, May 19, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-43, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 23, 2005.

The Hon. John MacKay, Len Farber and Serge Nadeau answered questions.

The Committee commenced its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

By unanimous consent, Clauses 2 to 4 inclusive carried.

On Clause 5,

Monte Solberg moved, — That Bill C-43, in Clause 5, be amended by replacing lines 1 to 14 on page 3 with the following:

“(b) for the 2007 taxation year, to be replaced by the amount that is the total of

(i) an amount that results in a reduction in personal income tax for all taxpayers, based on tax returns filed for the 2006 taxation year, that is equal to the difference between the amount that would, but for the amount that yields the reduction, be the annual surplus as provided in the Public Accounts for the fiscal year 2005-2006 prepared in accordance with sections 63 and 64 of the *Financial Administration Act* and \$3 billion,

(ii) \$100, and

(iii) the amount that would be determined for that description for that year in respect of the particular amount by applying subsection 117.1(1) to the amount determined under paragraph (a);

(c) for the 2008 taxation year, to be replaced by the amount that is the total of

(i) an amount that results in a reduction in personal income tax for all taxpayers, based on tax returns filed for the 2007 taxation year, that is equal to the difference between the amount that would, but for the amount that yields the reduction, be the annual surplus as provided in the Public Accounts for the fiscal year 2006-2007 prepared in accordance with sections 63 and 64 of the *Financial Administration Act* and \$3 billion,

(ii) \$400, and

(iii) the amount that would be determined for that description for that year in respect of the particular amount by applying subsection 117.1(1) to the amount determined under paragraph (b);”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Monte Solberg and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

Clause 5 was negatived.

By unanimous consent, Clauses 6 to 8 inclusive carried on division.

On Clause 9,

John McKay moved, — That Bill C-43, in Clause 9, be amended by replacing lines 2 to 8 on page 7 with the following:

“for a taxation year is

(a) if the taxable capital employed in Canada of the corporation for the taxation year is equal to or less than \$50,000,000, that proportion of 4% that the number of days in the taxation year that are before 2008 is of the number of days in the taxation year; and

(b) if paragraph (a) does not apply, the percentage determined by the formula

$$A + B[(C - \$50,000,000)/\$25,000,000]$$

where

A is that proportion of 4% that the number of days in the taxation year that are before 2008 is of the number of days in the taxation year,

B is that proportion of 4% that the number of days in the taxation year that are after 2007 is of the number of days in the taxation year; and

C is the lesser of \$75,000,000 and the taxable capital employed in Canada of the corporation for the taxation year.

(3) For the purpose of subsection (2), the taxable capital employed in Canada of a corporation for a particular taxation year is

(a) if the corporation is associated with one or more other corporations in the particular taxation year,

the total of all amounts each of which is the taxable capital employed in Canada (within the meaning assigned by subsection 181.2(1) or 181.3(1) or section 181.4, as the case may be) of the corporation, or of such an associated corporation, for its last taxation year that ended in the calendar year preceding the calendar year in which the particular taxation year ends; and

(b) if the corporation is not associated with one or more other corporations in the particular taxation year, the taxable capital employed in Canada (within the meaning assigned by subsection 181.2(1) or 181.3(1) or section 181.4, as the case may be) of the corporation for the particular taxation year.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of John McKay and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 6.

Clause 9 was negatived.

At 1:12 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/10 1:56 p.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 68

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, May 19, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-43, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 23, 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Don H. Bell,
Guy Côté,
Charles Hubbard,
Yvan Loubier,
Hon. John McKay,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Brian Pallister,
Charlie Penson,
Monte Solberg
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Françoise Boivin for Don H. Bell,
and Bob Mills for Brian Pallister.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. John McKay, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance.

WITNESSES:

Department of Finance:

Richard Botham, Chief, Knowledge and Innovation, Economic and Corporate Finance Branch;
Peter DeVries, General Director, Deputy Minister's Office;
Len Farber, General Director, Tax Policy Branch;
Susan Margles, Director, Economic Development and Corporate Finance.

Department of the Environment:

Mike Beale, Acting Director General, Economic and Regulatory Affairs Directorate, Policy Integration.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 68

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, Hon. John McKay, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Françoise Boivin for Don H. Bell and Bob Mills for Brian Pallister.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. John McKay, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance.

Witnesses: Department of Finance: Peter DeVries, General Director, Deputy Minister's Office; Len Farber, General Director, Tax Policy Branch; Susan Margles, Director, Economic Development and Corporate Finance. *Department of the Environment:* Mike Beale, Acting Director General, Economic and Regulatory Affairs Directorate, Policy Integration.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, May 19, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-43, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 23, 2005.

The Hon. John McKay, Peter Devries, Len Farber, Susan Margles and Mike Beale answered questions.

The Committee resumed its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

By unanimous consent, Clauses 2 to 4 inclusive carried.

Monte Solberg moved, — That Bill C-43, in Clause 5, be amended by replacing lines 1 to 14 on page 3 with the following:

“(b) for the 2007 taxation year, to be replaced by the amount that is the total of

(i) an amount that results in a reduction in personal income tax for all taxpayers, based on tax returns filed for the 2006 taxation year, that is equal to the difference between the amount that would, but for the amount that yields the reduction, be the annual surplus as provided in the Public Accounts for the fiscal year 2005-2006 prepared in accordance with sections 63 and 64 of the *Financial Administration Act* and \$3 billion,

(ii) \$100, and

(iii) the amount that would be determined for that description for that year in respect of the particular amount by applying subsection 117.1(1) to the amount determined under paragraph (a);

(c) for the 2008 taxation year, to be replaced by the amount that is the total of

(i) an amount that results in a reduction in personal income tax for all taxpayers, based on tax returns filed for the 2007 taxation year, that is equal to the difference between the amount that would, but for the amount that yields the reduction, be the annual surplus as provided in the Public Accounts for the fiscal year 2006-2007 prepared in accordance with sections 63 and 64 of the *Financial Administration Act* and \$3 billion,

(ii) \$400, and

(iii) the amount that would be determined for that description for that year in respect of the particular amount by applying subsection 117.1(1) to the amount determined under paragraph (b);”

The question was put on the amendment of Monte Solberg and it was negatived, by a show of hands:
YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

Clause 5 carried.

Clauses 6 to 8 inclusive carried severally.

John McKay moved, — That Bill C-43, in Clause 9, be amended by replacing lines 2 to 8 on page 7 with the following:

“for a taxation year is

(a) if the taxable capital employed in Canada of the corporation for the taxation year is equal to or less than \$50,000,000, that proportion of 4% that the number of days in the taxation year that are before 2008 is of the number of days in the taxation year; and

(b) if paragraph (a) does not apply, the percentage determined by the formula

$$A + B[(C - \$50,000,000)/\$25,000,000]$$

where

A is that proportion of 4% that the number of days in the taxation year that are before 2008 is of the number of days in the taxation year,

B is that proportion of 4% that the number of days in the taxation year that are after 2007 is of the number of days in the taxation year; and

C is the lesser of \$75,000,000 and the taxable capital employed in Canada of the corporation for the taxation year.

(3) For the purpose of subsection (2), the taxable capital employed in Canada of a corporation for a particular taxation year is

(a) if the corporation is associated with one or more other corporations in the particular taxation year, the total of all amounts each of which is the taxable capital employed in Canada (within the meaning assigned by subsection 181.2(1) or 181.3(1) or section 181.4, as the case may be) of the corporation, or

of such an associated corporation, for its last taxation year that ended in the calendar year preceding the calendar year in which the particular taxation year ends; and

(b) if the corporation is not associated with one or more other corporations in the particular taxation year, the taxable capital employed in Canada (within the meaning assigned by subsection 181.2(1) or 181.3(1) or section 181.4, as the case may be) of the corporation for the particular taxation year.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of John McKay and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 6.

Clause 9 carried by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 5.

By unanimous consent, Clauses 10 to 29 inclusive carried.

On Clause 29.1,

Yvan Loubier moved, — That Bill C-43 be amended by adding before line 14 on page 31 the following new clause:

“29.1 Subparagraphs 24.4(1)(a)(iii) to (v) of the Act are replaced by the following:

(iii) \$10.292 billion for the fiscal year beginning on April 1, 2005,

(iv) \$12.734 billion for the fiscal year beginning on April 1, 2006, and

(v) \$16.383 billion for the fiscal year beginning on April 1, 2007; and”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it infringed on the financial initiative of the Crown, as provided on page 655 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

On Clause 30,

Yvan Loubier moved, — That Bill C-43, in Clause 30, be amended by replacing lines 1 to 3 on page 32 with the following:

“learning and child care”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Yvan Loubier and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 6.

On Clause 30,

Yvan Loubier moved, — That Bill C-43, in Clause 30, be amended by adding after line 3 on page 32 the following:

“(1.1) The Minister shall provide full financial compensation, unconditionally, to any province whose government has already established a day care network or has notified the Minister of Social Development that it intends to establish, develop or improve a day care network in the province.”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it infringed on the financial initiative of

the Crown, as provided on page 655 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

Clause 30 carried on division.

Clause 31 carried on division.

On Clause 32,

Monte Solberg moved, — That Bill C-43, in Clause 32, be amended by replacing line 7 on page 33 with the following:

“trust indenture establishing the trust and shall be the same for every territory.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Monte Solberg and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

Clause 32 carried on division.

By unanimous consent, Clauses 33 to 58 inclusive carried.

On Clause 59,

Monte Solberg moved, — That Bill C-43, in Clause 59, be amended by adding after line 34 on page 42 the following:

“(3) The sums referred to in subsections (1) and (2) may be paid and applied only if there is an agreement between the Minister of the Environment or the Minister of Natural Resources, as the case may be, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities requiring the Federation to apply half of those sums for the clean-up of abandoned or idle lands, known as brownfields, where environmental contamination is known or suspected and where there is an active economic potential for redevelopment.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Monte Solberg and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

By unanimous consent, Clauses 59 to 84 inclusive carried on division.

On Clause 85,

John McKay moved, — That Bill C-43, in Clause 85, be amended by replacing, in the English version, line 12 on page 53 with the following:

“conditions approved by the Treasury”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of John McKay and it was agreed to on division.

By unanimous consent, Clause 85 was allowed to stand.

John McKay moved, — That Bill C-43, in Clause 86, be amended by

(a) replacing lines 23 to 27 on page 53 with the following:

“86. (1) The Minister of State (Infrastructure and Communities) shall not make a payment to a province, territory or first nation under section 85 unless the Government of Canada has entered into an agreement with”

(b) adding after line 29 on page 53 the following:

(2) The Minister of State (Infrastructure and Communities) may, at the request of a provincial or territorial government, make payments under section 85 directly to a municipality, a municipal association or a provincial, territorial or municipal entity.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of John McKay and it was agreed to on division.

On Clause 86,

Yvan Loubier moved, — That Bill C-43, in Clause 86, be amended by replacing line 29 on page 53 with the following:

“nation, while fully respecting the exclusive jurisdiction of the provinces. For greater certainty, no bilateral agreement shall affect the legitimate right of a province, territory or first nation to fully administer and dispose of the use and allocation of the payments made by the Minister under section 85. The Minister shall not impose any national standard or any requirement for accountability to the Government of Canada without the explicit agreement of the recipient province, territory or first nation.”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it was beyond the scope of the Bill, as provided on page 654 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

Clause 86, as amended, carried on division.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 85 previously stood.

Clause 85 carried on division.

John McKay moved, — That Bill C-43, in Clause 87, be amended by replacing, in the French version, line 10 on page 60 with the following:

“*ject Royalty Agreement* conclu le 1er”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of John McKay and it was agreed to on division.

John McKay moved, — That Bill C-43, in Clause 87, be amended by replacing, in the French version, line 14 on page 60 with the following:

“Neuve-et-Labrador la somme de deux milliards”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of John McKay and it was agreed to on division.

On Clause 87,

John McKay moved, — That Bill C-43, in Clause 87, be amended by replacing, in the French version, line 19 on page 62 with the following:

“ges après-emploi, de même qu’aux frais”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of John McKay and it was agreed to on division.

Clause 87 carried on the following recorded division: YEAS: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Charles Hubbard, John McKay, Maria Minna, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg — 8; NAYS: Guy Côté, Yvan Loubier — 2.

Clause 88 carried on division.

On Clause 89,

Yvan Loubier moved, — That Bill C-43, in Clause 89, be amended by adding after line 15 on page 66 the following:

“2.1 For greater certainty, nothing in this Act limits or affects, expressly or implicitly, the power of a province to provide incentives for the reduction or removal of greenhouse gases through the acquisition, on behalf of the province, before or after they are created, of eligible credits created as a result of the reduction or removal of those gases by any means established by the province.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Yvan Loubier and it was agreed to.

On Clause 89,

Monte Solberg moved, — That Bill C-43, in Clause 89, be amended by replacing lines 11 and 12 on page 67 with the following:

“make orders under section 3 and the power to”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Monte Solberg and it was negatived.

On Clause 89,

Monte Solberg moved, — That Bill C-43, in Clause 89, be amended by replacing line 18 on page 67 with the following:

“domestic credits created as a result of the reduction or”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Monte Solberg and it was negatived.

On Clause 89,

Monte Solberg moved, — That Bill C-43, in Clause 89, be amended by adding after line 19 on page 68 the following:

“(3.1) The Minister shall publish the advice given under subsection (2) within five days after receiving it from the advisory board.”

John McKay moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the words “5” with the word “30”.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Monte Solberg, as amended, and it was agreed to.

On Clause 89,

Monte Solberg moved, — That Bill C-43, in Clause 89, be amended by adding after line 7 on page 69 the following:

“(2) Despite subsection (1), the Agency may not acquire eligible Kyoto units.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Monte Solberg and it was negatived.

On Clause 89,

Monte Solberg moved, — That Bill C-43, in Clause 89, be amended by deleting lines 23 to 30 on page 69.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Monte Solberg and it was negatived.

On Clause 89,

Yvan Loubier moved, — That Bill C-43, in Clause 89, be amended by adding after line 40 on page 71 the following:

“TRANSFER TO A PROVINCE

25.1 The Government of Canada shall transfer without condition to a province, within thirty days after receiving a request from the province to do so, an amount determined by multiplying the amount provided to the Agency by the quotient obtained by dividing the population of the province by the total population of all provinces. Once the request has been received, this Act no longer applies to the province that has sent it.”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it infringed on the financial initiative of the Crown, as provided on page 655 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

Clause 89, as amended, carried on division.

Clause 90 carried on the following recorded division: YEAS: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Charles Hubbard, John McKay, Maria Minna, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg, Judy Wasylycia-Leis — 9; NAYS: Guy Côté, Yvan Loubier — 2.

By unanimous consent, Clauses 91 to 97 inclusive carried on division.

On Clause 98,

Monte Solberg moved, — That Bill C-43, in Clause 98, be amended by replacing line 2 on page 76 with the following:

“solidated Revenue Fund, after consulting with the standing committee of the House of Commons that normally considers matters related to the environment, make grants or con-”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Monte Solberg and it was negatived.

On Clause 98,

Monte Solberg moved, — That Bill C-43, in Clause 98, be amended by adding after line 13 on page 76 the following:

“(d) any recommendations made by the standing committee of the House of Commons that normally considers matters related to the environment.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Monte Solberg and it was agreed to.

On Clause 98,

Monte Solberg moved, — That Bill C-43, in Clause 98, be amended by replacing line 29 on page 76 with the following:

“paragraphs 6(2)(a) to (d).”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Monte Solberg and it was agreed to.

On Clause 98,

Monte Solberg moved, — That Bill C-43, in Clause 98, be amended by adding after line 29 on page 76 the following:

“(2.1) The Minister shall publish the advice given under subsection (2) within five days after receiving it from the advisory board.”

John McKay moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the word “5” with the word “30”.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Monte Solberg, as amended, and it was agreed to.

On Clause 98,

Monte Solberg moved, — That Bill C-43, in Clause 98, be amended by replacing line 1 on page 78 with the following:

“(5) The maximum”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it infringed on the financial initiative of

the Crown, as provided on page 655 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

On Clause 98,

Monte Solberg moved, — That Bill C-43, in Clause 98, be amended by replacing lines 6 and 7 on page 78 with the following:

“be used by an eligible contributor and that eligible”

The question was put on the amendment of Monte Solberg and it was negated.

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it was contrary to the principle of the Bill, as provided on page 654 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

Clause 98 was negated on the following recorded division: YEAS: Don H. Bell, John McKay, Maria Minna, Judy Wasylycia-Leis — 4; NAYS: Rona Ambrose, Guy Côté, Yvan Loubier, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg — 6.

At 5:28 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/10 5:22 p.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 69

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, May 19, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-43, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 23, 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Don H. Bell,
Guy Côté,
Charles Hubbard,
Yvan Loubier,
Hon. John McKay,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Brian Pallister,
Charlie Penson,
Monte Solberg
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marlene Catterall for Don H. Bell,
Denise Poirier-Rivard for Guy Côté,
and Lloyd St. Amand for Maria Minna.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. John McKay, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance.

WITNESS:

Department of Finance:

Peter DeVries, General Director, Deputy Minister's Office.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 69

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 6:52 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, Hon. John McKay, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Marlene Catterall for Don H. Bell, Denise Poirier-Rivard for Guy Côté and Lloyd St. Amand for Maria Minna.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. John McKay, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance.

Witnesses: Department of Finance: Peter DeVries, General Director, Deputy Minister's Office.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, May 19, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-43, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 23, 2005.

The Hon. John McKay and Peter Devries answered questions.

The Committee resumed its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

Clause 101 was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

Clauses 102 to 126 negatived by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

By unanimous consent, Clauses 127 to 138 inclusive carried.

By unanimous consent, Clauses 139 to 148 inclusive carried on division.

By unanimous consent, Clauses 149 to 154 inclusive carried.

On Clause 155,

Yvan Loubier moved, — That Bill C-43, in Clause 155, be amended by replacing lines 1 to 36 on page 96, lines 1 to 43 on page 97 and lines 1 to 25 on page 98 with the following:

“155. The *Employment Insurance Act* is amended as set out in Schedule 1 to this Act.”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it was beyond the scope of the Bill, as provided on page 654 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

The Chair ruled that the following amendment was consequential to the previous amendment and therefore it was also inadmissible:

That Bill C-43 be amended by adding after line 14 on page 110 the following new schedule:

“SCHEDULE 1

1. (1) Subsection 4(1) of the *Employment Insurance Act* is replaced by the following:

4. (1) For the purposes of subsection 14(1.1), section 17, subsection 82(2) and sections 95 and 145, the maximum yearly insurable earnings is \$41,500 (indexed annually) until the amount calculated in accordance with subsection (2) for a year, before rounding down under subsection (4), exceeds \$41,500 (indexed annually), in which case the maximum yearly insurable earnings for that year is that amount, rounded down under subsection (4).

(2) Subsection 4(3) of the Act is replaced by the following:

(3) For years subsequent to the year in which the maximum yearly insurable earnings exceeds \$41,500 (indexed annually), before rounding down under subsection (4), the maximum yearly insurable earnings is the maximum yearly insurable earnings for the preceding year, before rounding down under subsection (4), multiplied by the ratio that the average for the twelve month period ending on June 30 in that preceding year of the Average Weekly Earnings for each month in that twelve month period bears to the average for the twelve month period ending twelve months prior to June 30 of that preceding year of the Average Weekly Earnings for each month in that twelve month period ending twelve months prior to June 30 of that preceding year.

(3) Section 4 of the Act is amended by adding the following after subsection (5):

(6) For the purposes of this section, “\$41,500 (indexed annually)” means \$41,500 indexed annually, beginning in 2005, to the Consumer Price Index published by Statistics Canada under the authority of the *Statistics Act*.

2. Paragraph 5(3)(b) of the Act is replaced by the following:

(b) if the employer is, within the meaning of that Act, related to the employee, they are deemed to deal with each other at arm's length unless the Minister of National Revenue is satisfied that, having regard to all the circumstances of the employment, including the remuneration paid, the terms and conditions, the duration and the nature and importance of the work performed, it is reasonable to conclude that they would not have entered into a substantially similar contract of employment if they had been dealing with each other at arm's length.

3. (1) The definition “waiting period” in subsection 6(1) of the Act is repealed.

(2) The definition “disentitled” in subsection 6(1) of the Act is replaced by the following:

“disentitled” means not entitled under section 18, 21, 31, 32, 33, 36, 37, 49 or 50 or under the regulations;

4. Subsections 7(2) to (5) of the Act are replaced by the following:

(2) An insured person qualifies if the person

(a) has had an interruption of earnings from employment; and

(b) has had during their qualifying period at least 360 hours of insurable employment.

5. (1) Subsections 7.1(1) to (3) of the Act are replaced by the following:

7.1 (1) The number of hours that an insured person requires under section 7 to qualify for benefits is increased to the applicable number provided in paragraphs (a) to (d) if the insured person accumulates one or more violations in the 260 weeks before making their initial claim for benefit:

(a) 525 hours in the case of a minor violation;

(b) 630 hours in the case of a serious violation;

(c) 735 hours in the case of a very serious violation; and

(d) 850 hours in the case of a subsequent violation.

(3) A violation may not be taken into account under subsection (1) in more than two initial claims for benefits if the insured person qualified for benefits with the increased number of hours in each of those claims.

6. Section of 13 of the Act is repealed.

7. Subsection 14(1) of the Act is replaced by the following:

14. (1) The rate of weekly benefits payable to a claimant is 60% of their weekly insurable earnings.

8. (1) Subsection 19(1) of the Act is repealed.

(2) The portion of subsection 19(2) of the Act before paragraph (a) is replaced by the following:

(2) Subject to subsections (3) and (4), if the claimant has earnings during a week of unemployment, there shall be deducted from benefits payable in that week the amount, if any, of the earnings that exceeds

9. Section 20 of the Act is replaced by the following:

20. If a claimant is disentitled from receiving benefits for a working day in a week of unemployment, an amount equal to 1/5 of their weekly rate of benefits for each such working day shall be deducted from the benefits payable for that week.

10. Subsection 22(4) of the Act is repealed.

11. Subsection 23(5) of the Act is repealed.

12. Subsection 23.1(7) of the Act is repealed.

13. Subsection 24(1) of the Act is amended by adding the word “and” at the end of paragraph “(g)” and by repealing paragraph (h).

14. Subsection 28(2) of the Act is replaced by the following:

(2) Subject to subsections (3) to (5), the weeks of disqualification are to be served during the weeks for which benefits would otherwise be payable if the disqualification had not been imposed and, for greater certainty, the length of the disqualification is not affected by any subsequent loss of employment by the claimant during the benefit period.

15. Subsection 30(2) of the Act is replaced by the following:

(2) The disqualification is for each week of the claimant’s benefit period and, for greater certainty, the length of the disqualification is not affected by any subsequent loss of employment by the claimant during the benefit period.

16. (1) Paragraph 54(a) of the Act is repealed.

(2) Paragraph 54(f.6) of the Act is repealed.

17. Sections 66 and 66.1 of the Act are replaced by the following:

66. (1) Not later than November 30 in each year, the Commission shall set the premium rate that the

Commission considers will, to the extent possible, over a business cycle,

(a) serve the best interests of the contributors and beneficiaries under the employment insurance system;

(b) ensure that there is enough revenue to pay the expenses authorized to be charged to the Employment Insurance Account;

(c) maintain stable rate levels; and

(d) ensure that the difference between the assets of the Employment Insurance Account and its liabilities does not exceed fifteen billion dollars.

(2) On the first day of October in each year, the Commission shall cause a report to be sent to the Minister containing

(a) the reasons for setting the premium rate for the year;

(b) any change to the amount of benefits that the Commission considers will, to the extent possible, over a business cycle,

(i) ensure that there is enough revenue to pay the expenses authorized to be charged to the Employment Insurance Account, and

(ii) maintain stable rate levels;

(c) a detailed description of the assets of the Commission on the first day of September in each year;

(d) a detailed description of the amounts that have been paid into or paid out of the Employment Insurance Account since the previous report;

(e) an estimate of the amounts to be paid into the Employment Insurance Account under this Act for the following year, calculated on the basis of the premium rate set by the Commission in the report;

(f) an estimate of the amounts to be paid out of the Employment Insurance Account under this Act for the following year, calculated on the basis of the amount of benefits to be paid set by the Commission in the report;

(g) any recommendations that the Commission considers necessary for the improvement of the employment insurance system, including amendments to Acts, regulations and policies with respect to employment insurance; and

(h) any other information that the Commission considers necessary.

(3) The Minister shall cause a copy of the report to be laid before each House of Parliament on any of the first five days on which that House is sitting after the Minister receives it.

18. Section 67 of the Act is replaced by the following:

67. Subject to section 70, a person employed in insurable employment shall pay, by deduction as provided in subsection 82(1), a premium equal to their insurable earnings multiplied by the premium rate set under section 66, 66.2 or 66.3, as the case may be.

19. Sections 71 to 76 of the Act are replaced by the following:

71. There shall be established in the name of the Commission an account to be known as the Employment Insurance Account.

72. (1) There shall be paid into the Employment Insurance Account

- (a) all amounts credited to the Employment Insurance Account — as that Account exist-ed immediately prior to the day on which this section comes into force — and not charged to that Account for the purposes of this Act on the coming into force of this section;
- (b) all amounts received under Parts I and III to IX, as or on account of premiums, fines, penalties, interest, repayment of overpaid benefits and benefit repayment;
- (c) all amounts collected by the Commission for services rendered to other government departments or agencies or to the public;
- (d) all amounts received on account of principal or interest on loans made by the Commission under Part II or as repayment of overpayments made by the Commission under that Part;
- (e) all premiums required to be paid by Her Majesty in right of Canada as employer's premiums for persons employed in insurable employment by Her Majesty in right of Canada;
- (f) all amounts paid into the Consolidated Revenue Fund that are
 - (i) received as or on account of penalties imposed under section 38, 39 or 65.1 and repayments of overpaid benefits, except interest and penalties on benefit repayment,
 - (ii) received on account of principal or interest on loans made by the Commission under Part II,
 - (iii) received as repayments of overpayments by the Commission under section 61 for employment benefits and support measures authorized by Part II,
 - (iv) received as repayments of overpayments by the Commission under agreements entered into under section 63, or
 - (v) received as interest under section 80.1;
- (g) any amount provided out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the Commission by the Minister of Finance under section 74;
- (h) any amount provided out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund appropriated by Parliament intended for any purpose related to employment insurance and administered by the Commission; and
- (i) any other amounts paid into the Consolidated Revenue Fund or to the Commission under this Act for any purpose related to employment insurance and administered by the Commission.

(2) All amounts paid into the Employment Insurance Account

- (a) shall become part of the assets of the Commission; and
- (b) shall, as they are paid into the Account, be deposited with a financial institution within the meaning of the *Financial Consumer Agency of Canada Act*, a body corporate to which the *Trust and Loan Companies Act* applies, or an association to which the *Cooperative Credit Associations Act* applies.

(3) The Commission shall

- (a) manage the amounts paid into the Employment Insurance Account in the best interests of the contributors and beneficiaries under the employment insurance system; and
- (b) subject to section 73, invest its assets with a financial institution, body corporate or association referred to

in paragraph (2)(b) with a view to achieving a maximum rate of return without undue risk of loss, having regard to the factors that may affect the funding of the employment insurance system provided for in this Act and the ability of the Commission to meet its financial obligations.

73. At the request of the Minister of Finance, the Commission may extend a loan to Her Majesty in right of Canada to be repaid on such terms and conditions, including interest, as the Commission may establish.

74. (1) Where the assets of the Employment Insurance Account are not sufficient for the payment of the amounts that the Commission is liable to pay under this Act, the Minister of Finance shall, at the request of the Commission, extend a loan from the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the Commission in an amount sufficient to meet the payments.

(2) The Minister of Finance shall set an interest rate and terms and conditions for the repayment of the loan that are more advantageous to the Commission than those that the Commission can obtain from a financial institution.

20. Sections 77 and 78 of the Act are replaced by the following:

77. (1) There shall be paid out of the Employment Insurance Account

(a) all amounts paid as or on account of benefits under this Act;

(b) all amounts paid under section 61 for employment benefits and support measures authorized by Part II;

(c) all amounts paid under paragraph 63(a);

(d) the costs of administering this Act, including administration costs paid under section 62 or paragraph 63(b);

(e) any amount paid by the Commission to Her Majesty in right of Canada under section 73; and

(f) any other amount to be paid by the Commission under this Act, including all amounts paid by the Commission under an agreement with the government of a province.

(2) Despite any other Act of Parliament, amounts mentioned in paragraph (1)(a) shall be paid by special warrants drawn on and issued by the Commission by electronic means or bearing the printed signature of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Commission, and amounts mentioned in paragraphs (1)(b) and (c) may be paid by the special warrants.

(3) The special warrants are negotiable without charge at any financial institution in Canada.

21. Section 80 of the Act is repealed.

22. Subsections 96(4) and (5) of the Act are replaced by the following:

(4) If a person has insurable earnings of not more than \$3,000 in a year, the Minister shall refund to the person the aggregate of all amounts deducted as required from the insurable earnings, whether by one or more employers, on account of the person's employee's premiums for that year.

(5) If a person has insurable earnings of more than \$3,000 in a year, but the insurable earnings minus the aggregate of all amounts mentioned in subsection (4) are less than 3,000, the Minister shall refund to the person an amount calculated in accordance with the following formula if that amount is more than 1:

$$\$3,000 - (IE - P)$$

where

P is the aggregate of all deducted amounts mentioned in subsection (4); and

IE is the person's insurable earnings in the year."

On Clause 155,

Monte Solberg moved, — That Bill C-43, in Clause 155, be amended by replacing line 8 on page 96 with the following:

"provided by the experts in budgetary estimates designated by the standing committee of the House of Commons that normally considers matters related to finance under"

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Monte Solberg and it was negatived.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the result of the vote on a previous amendment be applied to the following three (3) amendments which are therefore also negatived:

That Bill C-43, in Clause 155, be amended by replacing line 22 on page 96 with the following:

"information provided by the experts in budgetary estimates designated by the standing committee of the House of Commons that normally considers matters related to finance"

That Bill C-43, in Clause 155, be amended by replacing line 9 on page 97 with the following:

"experts in budgetary estimates designated by the standing committee of the House of Commons that normally considers matters related to finance under section 66.2,"

That Bill C-43, in Clause 155, be amended by replacing line 27 on page 97 with the following:

"**66.2** The experts in budgetary estimates designated by the standing committee of the House of Commons that normally considers matters related to finance shall, on or"

On Clause 155,

Monte Solberg moved, — That Bill C-43, in Clause 155, be amended by replacing line 15 on page 96 with the following:

"before August 15 of the previous year, any"

The question was put on the amendment of Monte Solberg and it was negatived.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the result of the vote on the previous amendment be applied to the following amendment which is therefore also negatived:

That Bill C-43, in Clause 155, be amended by replacing line 33 on page 96 with the following:

"year, on or before August 15 of the previous"

Clause 155 carried.

On Clause 155.1,

Yvan Loubier moved, — That Bill C-43 be amended by adding after line 25 on page 98 the following new clause:

“155.1 Schedule I to the Act is replaced by Schedule I set out in Schedule 2 to this Act.”

The Chair ruled that the following amendment was consequential to the previous amendment and therefore it was also inadmissible:

That Bill C-43 be amended by adding after line 14 on page 110 the following new schedule:

“SCHEDULE 2

(Section 155.1)

Yvan Loubier moved, — That Bill C-43, in Clause 156, be amended by replacing lines 26 to 33 on page 98 with the following:

“156. Section 23 of the *Department of Human Resources Development Act* is replaced by the following:

23. (1) There is hereby established a Commission to be known as the Canada Employment Insurance Commission.

(2) The Commission shall be composed of 4 commissioners, as follows:

(a) a Chairperson;

(b) a Vice-Chairperson;

(c) a person representing employees; and

(d) a person representing employers.”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it was beyond the scope of the Bill, as provided on page 654 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

Clause 156 carried on division.

Yvan Loubier moved, — That Bill C-43 be amended by adding after line 33 on page 98 the following new clause:

“156.1 The Act is amended by adding the following after section 24:

24.1 (1) The Governor in Council shall appoint the commissioners who will represent employees and employers from a list of nominees provided by associations representing employers and employees in Canada.

(2) The Governor in Council appoints the Vice-Chairperson from among the Deputy Ministers or the Associate Deputy Ministers of the Department of Human Resources Development.

24.2 (1) The Chairperson shall be appointed by the House of Commons on the recommendation of the Minister following consultation of the commissioners representing employees and employers.

(2) The Chairperson shall not vote, but shall cast a deciding vote in case of an equal division.”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it was beyond the scope of the Bill, as provided on page 654 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

Clause 157 carried on division.

On Clause 158,

Yvan Loubier moved, — (b) by replacing lines 12 to 42 on page 99 and lines 1 to 6 on page 100 with the following:

“other Act, the other Act is amended by adding the following after section 28:

28.1 Despite section 28, the Commission may, as it considers necessary for the purpose of assisting it in setting the premium rate under section 66 of the *Employment Insurance Act*, contract for the services of persons who have specialized knowledge and may fix and pay the remuneration and expenses of those persons.

(3) On the later of the coming into force of section 156 of this Act and section 20 of the other Act, subsections 20(1) and (2) of the other Act are replaced by the following:

20. (1) There is hereby established a Commission to be known as the Canada Employment Insurance Commission.

(2) The Commission shall be composed of four commissioners, as follows:

(a) a Chairperson;

(b) a Vice-Chairperson;

(c) a person representing employees; and

(d) a person representing employers.

(4) On the later of the coming into force of section 156.1 of this Act and section 21 of the other Act, the other Act is amended by adding the following after section 21:

21.1 (1) The Governor in Council shall appoint the commissioners who will represent employees and employers from a list of nominees provided by associations representing employees and employers in Canada.

(2) The Governor in Council shall appoint the Vice-Chairperson from among the Deputy Ministers or the Associate Deputy Ministers of the Department of Human Resources and Skills Development.

21.2 (1) The Chairperson shall be appointed by the House of Commons on the recommendation of the Minister following consultation of the commissioners representing employees and employers.

(2) The Chairperson shall not vote, but shall cast a deciding vote in case of an equal division.

(5) If section 28 of the other Act comes into force before section 157 of this Act, then, on the day on which this Act receives royal assent, section 157 of this Act is repealed.”

That Bill C-43, in Clause 158, be amended

(a) by replacing line 4 on page 99 with the following:

“158. (1) Subsections (2) to (5) apply if”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it was beyond the scope of the Bill, as provided on page 654 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

On Clause 158,

Monte Solberg moved, — That Bill C-43, in Clause 158, be amended by replacing line 37 on page 99 with the following:

“information provided by the experts in budgetary estimates designated by the standing committee of the House of Commons that normally considers matters related to finance”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Monte Solberg and it was negatived.

Clause 158 carried on division.

By unanimous consent, Clauses 159 to 172 inclusive carried on division.

The Short Title carried on division.

The Title carried.

At 7:54 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/15 4:04 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti. Lib.

Meeting No. 70

Thursday, June 9, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, May 19, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-48, An Act to authorize the Minister of Finance to make certain payments.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Don H. Bell,
Guy Côté,
Charles Hubbard,
Yvan Loubier,
John McKay,
Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Brian Pallister,
Charlie Penson,
Monte Solberg
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Front d'action populaire en réaménagement urbain:
François Giguère, President.

Canadian Urban Transit Association:
Georges O. Gratton, Director General.

Canadian Housing and Renewal Association:
Joyce Potter, President;
Sharon Chisholm, Executive Director.

Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada:
Christopher Wilson, Senior Public Relations Officer .

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 70

Thursday, June 9, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Front d'action populaire en réaménagement urbain: François Giguère, President. *Canadian Urban Transit Association:* Georges O. Gratton, Director General. *Canadian Housing and Renewal Association:* Joyce Potter, President; Sharon Chisholm, Executive Director. *Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada:* Christopher Wilson, Senior Public Relations Officer .

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, May 19, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-48, An Act to authorize the Minister of Finance to make certain payments.

François Giguère tried to make a statement.

Yvan Loubier moved, — That the Committee proceed to orders of the day.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

Charles Hubbard moved, — That the Committee adjournes.

On motion of Charles Hubbard, it was agreed, — That the Committee adjournes.

At 12:28 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/09 7:02 p.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 71

Thursday, June 9, 2005

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 71

Thursday, June 9, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met *in camera* at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, Hon. John McKay, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Ken Epp for Charlie Penson and Richard Harris for Brian Pallister.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Alexandre Laurin, Analyst; Sheena Starky, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 4:35 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:51 p.m., the sitting resumed.

It was agreed, — That on Bill C-48, the Clerk of the Committee will organize two(2) panels of witnesses, on Monday, June 13, from 11:00 to 12:30 and from 12:30 to 14:00.

That there will be, on Monday, June 13, two(2) panels of two(2) ministers each from 15:30 to 17:00 and from 17:00 to 18:30.

That, on Monday, June 13, the Committee will proceed to the Clause-by-Clause Consideration from 18:30.

That the Report on Bill C-48 will be presented to the House on Tuesday, June 14, at 10:00. .

At 5:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/09 6:39 p.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 72

Monday, June 13, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, May 19, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-48, An Act to authorize the Minister of Finance to make certain payments.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Don H. Bell,
Guy Côté,
Charles Hubbard,
Hon. John McKay,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Brian Pallister,
Monte Solberg
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Epp for Charlie Penson,
Susan Kadis for Charles Hubbard,
and Pierre A. Paquette for Yvan Loubier.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Susan Kadis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

June Dewetering, Principal;
Sheena Starky, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada:

Robert Best, Vice President, National Affairs Branch;
Claire Morris, President and CEO.

Canadian Housing and Renewal Association:

Sharon Chisholm, Executive Director;
Joyce Potter, President.

Assembly of First Nations:

Richard Jock, Executive Director.

Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat:

John Morgan, Acting Assistant Comptroller General, Financial
Management and Analysis Sector;
Charles-Antoine St-Jean, Comptroller General, Comptroller
General's Office.

Canadian Chamber of Commerce:

Michael Murphy, Senior Vice President, Policy.

C.D. Howe Institute:

William B.P. Robson, Senior Vice-President and Director of
Research.

Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives:

Ellen Russell, Economist.

Canadian Federation of Students:

George Soule, National Chairperson.

Canadian Taxpayers Federation:

John Williamson, Federal Director.

Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada:

Christopher Wilson, Senior Public Relations Officer .

Canadian Alliance of Student Associations:

Toby White, Government Relations Officer;
Ian Boyko, Government Relations Coordinator, Canadian
Federation of Students.

Front d'action populaire en réaménagement urbain:

André Brunet;
François Roy, Coordinator, Logement'occupe.

George Soule, Christopher Wilson, Toby White, Joyce Potter, François Roy and William B.P. Robson made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

John Williamson, Richard Jock, Ellen Russell, Michael Murphy, Claire Morris and Charles-Antoine St-Jean made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Marc-Olivier Girard
Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 72

Monday, June 13, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Hon. John McKay, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Ken Epp for Charlie Penson, Susan Kadis for Charles Hubbard and Pierre A. Paquette for Yvan Loubier.

Other Members present: Susan Kadis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Sheena Starky, Analyst.

Witnesses: Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada: Robert Best, Vice President, National Affairs Branch; Claire Morris, President and CEO. *Canadian Housing and Renewal Association:* Sharon Chisholm, Executive Director; Joyce Potter, President. *Assembly of First Nations:* Richard Jock, Executive Director. *Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat:* John Morgan, Acting Assistant Comptroller General, Financial Management and Analysis Sector; Charles-Antoine St-Jean, Comptroller General, Comptroller General's Office. *Canadian Chamber of Commerce:* Michael Murphy, Senior Vice President, Policy. *C.D. Howe Institute:* William B.P. Robson, Senior Vice President, Director of Research. *Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives:* Ellen Russell, Economist. *Canadian Federation of Students:* George Soule, National Chairperson. *Canadian Taxpayers Federation:* John Williamson, Federal Director. *Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada:* Christopher Wilson, Senior Public Relations Officer. *Canadian Alliance of Student Associations:* Toby White, Government Relations Officer; Ian Boyko, Government Relations Coordinator, Canadian Federation of Students. *Front d'action populaire en réaménagement urbain:* André Brunet; François Roy, Coordinator, Logement'occupe.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, May 19, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-48, An Act to authorize the Minister of Finance to make certain payments.

George Soule, Christopher Wilson, Toby White, Joyce Potter, François Roy and William B.P. Robson made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:30 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:41 p.m., the sitting resumed.

John Williamson, Richard Jock, Ellen Russell, Michael Murphy, Claire Morris and Charles-Antoine St-Jean made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 2:06 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marc-Olivier Girard
Committee Clerk

2005/06/14 11:35 a.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 73

Monday, June 13, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, May 19, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-48, An Act to authorize the Minister of Finance to make certain payments.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Don H. Bell,
Guy Côté,
Charles Hubbard,
Hon. John McKay,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Brian Pallister,
Charlie Penson,
Monte Solberg
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rahim Jaffer for Rona Ambrose,
Bob Mills for Brian Pallister,
Pierre A. Paquette for Yvan Loubier,
and Hon. Paddy Torsney for Hon. Maria Minna.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

June Dewetering, Principal;
Sheena Starky, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Stéphane Dion, Minister of the Environment;
Hon. Joe Fontana, Minister of Labour and Housing;
Hon. John Godfrey, Minister of State (Infrastructure and Communities);
Hon. Ralph Goodale, Minister of Finance.

WITNESSES:

Department of Finance:

Mark Carney, Senior Associate Deputy Minister.

Department of the Environment:

Cassie Doyle, Associate Deputy Minister.

Infrastructure Canada:

André Juneau, Deputy Head.

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation:

Karen Kinsley, President.

Department of Human Resources Development (Social Development):

Bayla Kolk, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister.

Department of Finance:

Yvan Roy, Assistant Deputy Minister and Counsel to the
Department of Finance.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 73

Monday, June 13, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Hon. John McKay, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Rahim Jaffer for Rona Ambrose, Bob Mills for Brian Pallister, Pierre A. Paquette for Yvan Loubier and Hon. Paddy Torsney for Hon. Maria Minna.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Sheena Starky, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Stéphane Dion, Minister of the Environment; Hon. Joe Fontana, Minister of Labour and Housing; Hon. John Godfrey, Minister of State (Infrastructure and Communities); Hon. Ralph Goodale, Minister of Finance.

Witnesses: Department of Finance: Mark Carney, Senior Associate Deputy Minister. *Department of the Environment:* Cassie Doyle, Associate Deputy Minister. *Infrastructure Canada:* André Juneau, Deputy Head. *Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation:* Karen Kinsley, President. *Department of Human Resources Development (Social Development):* Bayla Kolk, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister. *Department of Finance:* Yvan Roy, Assistant Deputy Minister and Counsel to the Department of Finance.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, May 19, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-48, An Act to authorize the Minister of Finance to make certain payments.

The Hon. Ralph Goodale and the Hon. Joe Fontana made statements and answered questions.

At 5:04 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:09 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Hon. Stéphane Dion and the Hon. John Godfrey made statements and answered questions.

At 5:27 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:56 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Hon. Stéphane Dion and the Hon. John Godfrey made statements and answered questions.

At 6:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/14 11:00 a.m.

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Meeting No. 74

Monday, June 13, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, May 19, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-48, An Act to authorize the Minister of Finance to make certain payments.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose
Don H. Bell
Guy Côté
Charles Hubbard
Hon. John McKay
Hon. Maria Minna
Massimo Pacetti
Brian Pallister
Charlie Penson
Monte Solberg
Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Pierre A. Paquette for Yvan Loubier.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

June Dewetering, Principal

Sheena Starky, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. John McKay, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance.

WITNESSES:

Department of Human Resources Development (Social Development):

Jane Weldon, Acting Director General.

Department of Finance:

Peter DeVries, General Director, Deputy Minister's Office

Paul Rochon, Director, Economic and Fiscal Policy Branch
Branch.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 74

Monday, June 13, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 7:48 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Hon. John McKay, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Pierre A. Paquette for Yvan Loubier.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Sheena Starky, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. John McKay, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance.

Witnesses: Department of Human Resources Development (Social Development): Jane Weldon, Acting Director General. *Department of Finance:* Peter DeVries, General Director, Deputy Minister's Office; Paul Rochon, Director, Economic and Fiscal Policy Branch Branch.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, May 19, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-48, An Act to authorize the Minister of Finance to make certain payments.

The Committee commenced its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

The Hon. John MacKay, Peter Devries and Paul Rochon answered questions.

On Clause 1,

Guy Côté moved, — (c) by deleting lines 24 to 26 on page 1.

That Bill C-48, in Clause 1, be amended

(a) by replacing line 4 on page 1 with the following:

“1. (1) The Minister”

(b) by replacing line 14 on page 1 with the following:

“(2) The Minister of”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it infringed on the financial initiative of the Crown, as provided on page 655 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

On Clause 1,

Brian Pallister moved, — That Bill C-48, in Clause 1, be amended by replacing line 7 on page 1 with the following:

“solidated Revenue Fund up to 50% of the amount that is”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Brian Pallister and it was negatived, by a show of

hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

On Clause 1,

Brian Pallister moved, — That Bill C-48, in Clause 1, be amended by replacing line 13 on page 1 with the following:

“\$4 billion.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Brian Pallister and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

On Clause 1,

Monte Solberg moved, — That Bill C-48, in Clause 1, be amended by replacing line 13 on page 1 with the following:

“\$3 billion.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Monte Solberg and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

On Clause 1,

Brian Pallister moved, — That Bill C-48, in Clause 1, be amended by replacing line 17 on page 1 with the following:

“Revenue Fund up to 50% of the amount that is the”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Brian Pallister and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

On Clause 1,

Brian Pallister moved, — That Bill C-48, in Clause 1, be amended by replacing line 23 on page 1 with the following:

“\$4 billion.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Brian Pallister and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

On Clause 1,

Monte Solberg moved, — That Bill C-48, in Clause 1, be amended by replacing line 23 on page 1 with the following:

“\$3 billion.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Monte Solberg and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

On Clause 1,

Monte Solberg moved, — That Bill C-48, in Clause 1, be amended by adding after line 26 on page 1 the following:

“(4) If a payment referred to in subsection (1) or (2) is made to a trust, the Minister shall

(a) within ten sitting days after the payment is made, submit to the House of Commons the terms of the trust and the name of the trustee; and

(b) within thirty sitting days after the end of each fiscal year of the trust, submit to the House of Commons a report on the operations of the trust.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Monte Solberg and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

Clause 1 was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Don H. Bell, Charles Hubbard, John McKay, Maria Minna, Judy Wasylycia-Leis — 5; NAYS: Rona Ambrose, Guy Côté, Brian Pallister, Pierre A. Paquette, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg — 6.

On Clause 2,

Guy Côté moved, — That Bill C-48, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing line 28 on page 1 with the following:

“1(1) and (2) shall be allocated as follows, in a manner that respects provincial jurisdiction:”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Guy Côté and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 5.

On Clause 2,

Monte Solberg moved, — That Bill C-48, in Clause 2, be amended

(a) by replacing line 32 on page 1 with the following:

“not exceeding \$100 million;”

(b) by replacing line 5 on page 2 with the following:

“\$4 billion;”

(c) by replacing line 8 on page 2 with the following:

“exceeding \$200 million; and”

(d) by replacing line 10 on page 2 with the following:

“\$200 million.”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it infringed on the financial initiative of the Crown, as provided on page 655 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

On Clause 2,

Brian Pallister moved, — That Bill C-48, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing line 4 on page 2 with the following:

“Canadians and reduce student cost, an amount not exceeding”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Brian Pallister and it was negatived, by a show of

hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 6.

On Clause 2,

Guy Côté moved, — That Bill C-48, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing line 5 on page 2 with the following:

“\$6.3 billion;”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it infringed on the financial initiative of the Crown, as provided on page 655 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

On Clause 2,

Brian Pallister moved, — That Bill C-48, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing line 4 on page 2 with the following:

“Canadians and reduce student cost, an amount not exceeding”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Brian Pallister and it was negated, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

On Clause 2,

Brian Pallister moved, — That Bill C-48, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing line 5 on page 2 with the following:

“\$1.5 billion, subject to

(i) the release of a finalized statement of the roles and responsibilities of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development regarding education, and

(ii) the finalization of performance indicators and reporting requirements based on the First Nation Education Policy Framework;”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Brian Pallister and it was negated on the following recorded division: YEAS: Rona Ambrose, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg — 4; NAYS: Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, John McKay, Maria Minna, Pierre A. Paquette, Judy Wasylycia-Leis — 7.

On Clause 2,

Brian Pallister moved, — That Bill C-48, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing line 7 on page 2 with the following:

“for aboriginal Canadians where a first nation matrimonial code applies, an amount not”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Brian Pallister and it was negated on the following recorded division: YEAS: Rona Ambrose, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg — 4; NAYS: Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, John McKay, Maria Minna, Pierre A. Paquette, Judy Wasylycia-Leis — 7.

On Clause 2,

Brian Pallister moved, — That Bill C-48, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing line 7 on page 2 with the following:

“for aboriginal Canadians where an individual home ownership program is implemented by a first nation community, an amount not”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Brian Pallister and it was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Rona Ambrose, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg — 4; NAYS: Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, John McKay, Maria Minna, Pierre A. Paquette, Judy Wasylycia-Leis — 7.

On Clause 2,

Brian Pallister moved, — That Bill C-48, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing line 10 on page 2 with the following:

“\$500 million, to be spent only as directed by the House of Commons.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Brian Pallister and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

On Clause 2,

Guy Côté moved, — That Bill C-48, in Clause 2, be amended by adding after line 10 on page 2 the following:

“(e) for the establishment of a workers' adjustment program, an amount not exceeding \$130 million.”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it was beyond the scope of the Bill, as provided on page 654 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

On Clause 2,

Guy Côté moved, — That Bill C-48, in Clause 2, be amended by adding after line 10 on page 2 the following:

“(e) for employment insurance, an amount not exceeding \$3.7 billion.”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it was beyond the scope of the Bill, as provided on page 654 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

On Clause 2,

Guy Côté moved, — That Bill C-48, in Clause 2, be amended by adding after line 10 on page 2 the following:

“(1.1) The government of Canada shall pay without condition to a province, upon receiving a request from the province to do so, an amount determined by multiplying any payment made under subsection 1(1) or (2) by the quotient obtained by dividing the population of the province by the total population of Canada.

(1.2) Subsection (1.1) does not apply to payments allocated for

(a) training programs and access to post-secondary education to benefit aboriginal Canadians;

(b) housing for aboriginal Canadians; or

(c) foreign aid.”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it infringed on the financial initiative of the Crown, as provided on page 655 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

The Chair ruled that the following amendment was consequential to the previous amendment and therefore it was also inadmissible:

That Bill C-48, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing line 13 on page 2 with the following:

“to in subsection (1), excluding the amounts paid to Quebec under subsection (1.1), may be made and the”

On Clause 2,

Monte Solberg moved, — That Bill C-48, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing lines 11 to 15 on page 2 with the following:

“(2) The Governor in Council shall specify the particular purposes for which payments referred to in subsection (1) may be made, including the names of the intended recipients, the expenditures by standard object of expenditure, and the amounts of the payments for the relevant fiscal year.

(3) The Governor in Council shall make a report on the purposes described in subsection (2), and the report shall be laid before the House of Commons on any of the first five days on which that House is sitting after each payment referred to in subsection (1) are made or, if the House is not then sitting, on any of the first thirty days next thereafter that the House is sitting.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Monte Solberg and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

On Clause 2,

Brian Pallister moved, — That Bill C-48, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing line 11 on page 2 with the following:

“(2) The House of Commons may specify the”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Brian Pallister and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

On Clause 2,

Monte Solberg moved, — That Bill C-48, in Clause 2, be amended by adding after line 15 on page 2 the following:

“(3) Any payment allocated in accordance with paragraph (1)(b) shall be made through increases to the Canada Social Transfer on a per capita basis.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Monte Solberg and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

Clause 2, as amended, was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Don H. Bell, Charles Hubbard, John McKay, Maria Minna, Judy Wasylcia-Leis — 5; NAYS: Rona Ambrose, Guy Côté, Brian Pallister, Pierre A. Paquette, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg — 6.

On Clause 3,

Brian Pallister moved, — That Bill C-48, in Clause 3, be amended

(a) by replacing lines 16 to 19 on page 2 with the following:

“3. (1) For the purposes of this Act and subject to subsection (2), the Governor in Council may, on any terms and conditions that the Governor in Council considers appropriate and if a minister has first laid a proposal before the House of Commons, authorize the minister to”

(b) by adding after line 36 on page 2 the following:

“(2) A proposal that is laid before the House of Commons is deemed to be automatically referred to the appropriate committee of the House, as determined by the rules of the House, and the committee may conduct inquiries or public hearings with respect to the proposal and report its findings to the House.

(3) The Governor in Council may authorize the minister in accordance with subsection (1) only if

(a) the House of Commons has not concurred in any report from a committee respecting the proposal within the thirty sitting days following the day on which the proposal was laid before the House, in which case the Governor in Council may only authorize the minister to implement the proposal in the form laid; or

(b) the House of Commons has concurred in a report from a committee approving the proposal or an amended version of it, in which case the Governor in Council may only authorize the minister to implement the proposal in the form concurred in.

(4) For the purpose of this section, "sitting day" means a day on which the House of Commons sits.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Brian Pallister and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

On Clause 3,

Guy Côté moved, — That Bill C-48, in Clause 3, be amended by replacing line 17 on page 2 with the following:

“in Council may, in a manner that respects provincial jurisdiction and on any terms and conditions”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Guy Côté and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 5.

On Clause 3,

Guy Côté moved, — That Bill C-48, in Clause 3, be amended by replacing line 23 on page 2 with the following:

“ment of a province or any”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Guy Côté and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 2; NAYS: 5.

Guy Côté moved, — That Bill C-48, in Clause 3, be amended by deleting lines 30 to 33 on page 2.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Guy Côté and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 2; NAYS: 5.

On Clause 3,

Monte Solberg moved, — That Bill C-48, in Clause 3, be amended by adding after line 36 on page 2 the following:

“(2) A committee of the Senate or the House of Commons shall review the operations of a corporation referred to in paragraph (1)(e) or (f) as follows:

(a) in the case of a corporation referred to in paragraph (1)(e), every three years following its incorporation; and

(b) in the case of a corporation referred to in paragraph (1)(f), every three years following the first acquisition

of shares or memberships of the corporation.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Monte Solberg and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

On Clause 3,

Monte Solberg moved, — That Bill C-48, in Clause 3, be amended by adding after line 36 on page 2 the following:

“(2) The minister shall

(a) make any agreement referred to in paragraph (1)(b) public within thirty days after it is entered into and lay it before the House of Commons on any of the first five days on which the House is sitting after it is entered into;

(b) make the name of the recipient of any grant or contribution or of any other payment referred to in paragraph (1)(c) public and lay it before the House of Commons before the grant or contribution or other payment is made; and

(c) make the name of the recipient, the amount and the circumstances of any supplement referred to in paragraph (1)(d) public within thirty days after it is made and lay that information before the House of Commons on any of the first five days on which the House is sitting after the supplement is made; the information shall be deemed to be referred for review and report, to the first sitting of the committee of the House of Commons that normally considers financial matters, following the day on which the information is laid before the House.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Monte Solberg and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

On Clause 3,

Monte Solberg moved, — That Bill C-48, in Clause 3, be amended by adding after line 36 on page 2 the following:

“(2) A corporation referred to in paragraph (1)(e) or (f) shall, within three months after the end of each fiscal year, submit an annual report to Parliament on the corporations' activities during that fiscal year.”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it was beyond the scope of the Bill, as provided on page 654 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

On Clause 3,

Monte Solberg moved, — That Bill C-48, in Clause 3, be amended by adding after line 36 on page 2 the following:

“(2) A corporation referred to in paragraph (1)(e) or (f) shall annually submit a corporate plan to the Minister of Finance for the approval of the Governor in Council.”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it was beyond the scope of the Bill, as provided on page 654 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

On Clause 3,

Monte Solberg moved, — That Bill C-48, in Clause 3, be amended by adding after line 36 on page 2 the following:

“(2) A corporation referred to in paragraph (1)(e) or (f) is subject to the *Privacy Act*.”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it was beyond the scope of the Bill, as provided on page 654 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

On Clause 3,

Monte Solberg moved, — That Bill C-48, in Clause 3, be amended by adding after line 36 on page 2 the following:

“(2) A corporation referred to in paragraph (1)(e) or (f) is subject to the *Official Languages Act*.”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it was beyond the scope of the Bill, as provided on page 654 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

On Clause 3,

Monte Solberg moved, — That Bill C-48, in Clause 3, be amended by adding after line 36 on page 2 the following:

“(2) A corporation referred to in paragraph (1)(e) or (f) is deemed to have accounts that are accounts of Canada for the purposes of section 5 of the *Auditor General Act*.”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it was beyond the scope of the Bill, as provided on page 654 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

On Clause 3,

Monte Solberg moved, — That Bill C-48, in Clause 3, be amended by adding after line 36 on page 2 the following:

“(2) A corporation referred to in paragraph (1)(e) or (f) is deemed to be a government institution for the purposes of the *Access to Information Act*.”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it was beyond the scope of the Bill, as provided on page 654 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

Clause 3, as amended, was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Don H. Bell, Charles Hubbard, John McKay, Maria Minna, Judy Wasylcia-Leis — 5; NAYS: Rona Ambrose, Guy Côté, Brian Pallister, Pierre A. Paquette, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg — 6.

On Clause 4,

Guy Côté moved, — That Bill C-48 be amended by adding after line 36 on page 2 the following new clause:

“EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT

4. The *Employment Insurance Act* is amended as set out in Schedule 1 to this Act.”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it was beyond the scope of the Bill, as provided on page 654 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

On Clause 5,

Guy Côté moved, — That Bill C-48 be amended by adding after line 36 on page 2 the following new clause:

“5. Schedule I to the Act is replaced by Schedule I set out in Schedule 2 to this Act.”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it was beyond the scope of the Bill, as provided on page 654 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

Guy Côté moved, — That Bill C-48 be amended by adding after line 36 on page 2 the following new clause:

“DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT

6. Section 23 of the *Department of Human Resources Development Act* is replaced by the following:

23. (1) There is hereby established a Commission to be known as the Canada Employment Insurance Commission.

(2) The Commission shall be composed of 4 commissioners, as follows:

(a) a Chairperson;

(b) a Vice-Chairperson;

(c) a person representing employees; and

(d) a person representing employers.”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it was beyond the scope of the Bill, as provided on page 654 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

On Clause 7,

Guy Côté moved, — That Bill C-48 be amended by adding after line 36 on page 2 the following new clause:

“7. The Act is amended by adding the following after section 24:

24.1 (1) The Governor in Council shall appoint the commissioners who will represent employees and employers from a list of nominees provided by associations representing employers and employees in Canada.

(2) The Governor in Council appoints the Vice-Chairperson from among the Deputy Ministers or the Associate Deputy Ministers of the Department of Human Resources Development.

24.2 (1) The Chairperson shall be appointed by the House of Commons on the recommendation of the Minister following consultation of the commissioners representing employees and employers.

(2) The Chairperson shall not vote, but shall cast a deciding vote in case of an equal division.”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it was beyond the scope of the Bill, as provided on page 654 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

On Clause 8,

Guy Côté moved, — That Bill C-48 be amended by adding after line 36 on page 2 the following new clause:

“COORDINATING AMENDMENT

8. If Bill C-23, introduced in the 1st Session of the 38th Parliament and entitled the *Department of Human Resources and Skills Development Act* (the “other Act”), receives royal assent, then, on the later of the coming into force of the other Act and the coming into force of this Act,

(a) subsections 20(1) and (2) of the other Act are replaced by the following:

20. (1) There is hereby established a Commission to be known as the Canada Employment Insurance Commission.

(2) The Commission shall be composed of 4 commissioners, as follows:

(a) a Chairperson;

(b) a Vice-Chairperson;

(c) a person representing employees; and

(d) a person representing employers.

(b) the other Act is amended by adding the following after section 21:

21.1 (1) The Governor in Council shall appoint the commissioners who will represent employees and employers from a list of nominees provided by associations representing employers and employees in Canada.

(2) The Governor in Council appoints the Vice-Chairperson from among the Deputy Ministers or the Associate Deputy Ministers of the Department of Human Resources and Skills Development.

21.2 (1) The Chairperson shall be appointed by the House of Commons on the recommendation of the Minister following consultation of the commissioners representing employees and employers.

(2) The Chairperson shall not vote, but shall cast a deciding vote in case of an equal division.”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it was beyond the scope of the Bill, as provided on page 654 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

On Schedule 1,

Guy Côté moved, — That Bill C-48 be amended by adding after line 36 on page 2 the following new schedule:

“SCHEDULE 1

(Section 4)

1. (1) Subsection 4(1) of the *Employment Insurance Act* is replaced by the following:

4. (1) For the purposes of subsection 14(1.1), section 17, subsection 82(2) and sections 95 and 145, the maximum yearly insurable earnings is \$41,500 (indexed annually) until the amount calculated in accordance with subsection (2) for a year, before rounding down under subsection (4), exceeds \$41,500 (indexed annually), in which case the maximum yearly insurable earnings for that year is that amount, rounded down under subsection (4).

(2) Subsection 4(3) of the Act is replaced by the following:

(3) For years subsequent to the year in which the maximum yearly insurable earnings exceeds \$41,500 (indexed annually), before rounding down under subsection (4), the maximum yearly insurable earnings is the maximum yearly insurable earnings for the preceding year, before rounding down under subsection (4), multiplied by the ratio that the average for the twelve month period ending on June 30 in that preceding year of the Average Weekly Earnings for each month in that twelve month period bears to the average for the twelve month period ending twelve months prior to June 30 of that preceding year of the Average Weekly Earnings

for each month in that twelve month period ending twelve months prior to June 30 of that preceding year.

(3) Section 4 of the Act is amended by adding the following after subsection (5):

(6) For the purposes of this section, “\$41,500 (indexed annually)” means \$41,500 indexed annually, beginning in 2005, to the Consumer Price Index published by Statistics Canada under the authority of the *Statistics Act*.

2. Paragraph 5(3)(b) of the Act is replaced by the following:

(b) if the employer is, within the meaning of that Act, related to the employee, they are deemed to deal with each other at arm’s length unless the Minister of National Revenue is satisfied that, having regard to all the circumstances of the employment, including the remuneration paid, the terms and conditions, the duration and the nature and importance of the work performed, it is reasonable to conclude that they would not have entered into a substantially similar contract of employment if they had been dealing with each other at arm’s length.

3. (1) The definition “waiting period” in subsection 6(1) of the Act is repealed.

(2) The definition “disentitled” in subsection 6(1) of the Act is replaced by the following:

“disentitled” means not entitled under section 18, 21, 31, 32, 33, 36, 37, 49 or 50 or under the regulations;

4. Subsections 7(2) to (5) of the Act are replaced by the following:

(2) An insured person qualifies if the person

(a) has had an interruption of earnings from employment; and

(b) has had during their qualifying period at least 360 hours of insurable employment.

5. (1) Subsections 7.1(1) to (3) of the Act are replaced by the following:

7.1 (1) The number of hours that an insured person requires under section 7 to qualify for benefits is increased to the applicable number provided in paragraphs (a) to (d) if the insured person accumulates one or more violations in the 260 weeks before making their initial claim for benefit:

(a) 525 hours in the case of a minor violation;

(b) 630 hours in the case of a serious violation;

(c) 735 hours in the case of a very serious violation; and

(d) 850 hours in the case of a subsequent violation.

(3) A violation may not be taken into account under subsection (1) in more than two initial claims for benefits if the insured person qualified for benefits with the increased number of hours in each of those claims.

6. Section of 13 of the Act is repealed.

7. Subsection 14(1) of the Act is replaced by the following:

14. (1) The rate of weekly benefits payable to a claimant is 60% of their weekly insurable earnings.

8. (1) Subsection 19(1) of the Act is repealed.

(2) The portion of subsection 19(2) of the Act before paragraph (a) is replaced by the following:

(2) Subject to subsections (3) and (4), if the claimant has earnings during a week of unemployment, there shall be deducted from benefits payable in that week the amount, if any, of the earnings that exceeds

9. Section 20 of the Act is replaced by the following:

20. If a claimant is disentitled from receiving benefits for a working day in a week of unemployment, an amount equal to 1/5 of their weekly rate of benefits for each such working day shall be deducted from the benefits payable for that week.

10. Subsection 22(4) of the Act is repealed.

11. Subsection 23(5) of the Act is repealed.

12. Subsection 23.1(7) of the Act is repealed.

13. Subsection 24(1) of the Act is amended by adding the word “and” at the end of paragraph “(g)” and by repealing paragraph (h).

14. Subsection 28(2) of the Act is replaced by the following:

(2) Subject to subsections (3) to (5), the weeks of disqualification are to be served during the weeks for which benefits would otherwise be payable if the disqualification had not been imposed and, for greater certainty, the length of the disqualification is not affected by any subsequent loss of employment by the claimant during the benefit period.

15. Subsection 30(2) of the Act is replaced by the following:

(2) The disqualification is for each week of the claimant’s benefit period and, for greater certainty, the length of the disqualification is not affected by any subsequent loss of employment by the claimant during the benefit period.

16. (1) Paragraph 54(a) of the Act is repealed.

(2) Paragraph 54(f.6) of the Act is repealed.

17. Sections 66 and 66.1 of the Act are replaced by the following:

66. (1) Not later than November 30 in each year, the Commission shall set the premium rate that the Commission considers will, to the extent possible, over a business cycle,

(a) serve the best interests of the contributors and beneficiaries under the employment insurance system;

(b) ensure that there is enough revenue to pay the expenses authorized to be charged to the Employment Insurance Account;

(c) maintain stable rate levels; and

(d) ensure that the difference between the assets of the Employment Insurance Account and its liabilities does not exceed fifteen billion dollars.

(2) On the first day of October in each year, the Commission shall cause a report to be sent to the Minister containing

(a) the reasons for setting the premium rate for the year;

(b) any change to the amount of benefits that the Commission considers will, to the extent possible, over a

business cycle,

(i) ensure that there is enough revenue to pay the expenses authorized to be charged to the Employment Insurance Account, and

(ii) maintain stable rate levels;

(c) a detailed description of the assets of the Commission on the first day of September in each year;

(d) a detailed description of the amounts that have been paid into or paid out of the Employment Insurance Account since the previous report;

(e) an estimate of the amounts to be paid into the Employment Insurance Account under this Act for the following year, calculated on the basis of the premium rate set by the Commission in the report;

(f) an estimate of the amounts to be paid out of the Employment Insurance Account under this Act for the following year, calculated on the basis of the amount of benefits to be paid set by the Commission in the report;

(g) any recommendations that the Commission considers necessary for the improvement of the employment insurance system, including amendments to Acts, regulations and policies with respect to employment insurance; and

(h) any other information that the Commission considers necessary.

(3) The Minister shall cause a copy of the report to be laid before each House of Parliament on any of the first five days on which that House is sitting after the Minister receives it.

18. Section 67 of the Act is replaced by the following:

67. Subject to section 70, a person employed in insurable employment shall pay, by deduction as provided in subsection 82(1), a premium equal to their insurable earnings multiplied by the premium rate set under section 66, 66.2 or 66.3, as the case may be.

19. Sections 71 to 76 of the Act are replaced by the following:

71. There shall be established in the name of the Commission an account to be known as the Employment Insurance Account.

72. (1) There shall be paid into the Employment Insurance Account

(a) all amounts credited to the Employment Insurance Account — as that Account existed immediately prior to the day on which this section comes into force — and not charged to that Account for the purposes of this Act on the coming into force of this section;

(b) all amounts received under Parts I and III to IX, as or on account of premiums, fines, penalties, interest, repayment of overpaid benefits and benefit repayment;

(c) all amounts collected by the Commission for services rendered to other government departments or agencies or to the public;

(d) all amounts received on account of principal or interest on loans made by the Commission under Part II or as repayment of overpayments made by the Commission under that Part;

(e) all premiums required to be paid by Her Majesty in right of Canada as employer's premiums for persons employed in insurable employment by Her Majesty in right of Canada;

- (f) all amounts paid into the Consolidated Revenue Fund that are
- (i) received as or on account of penalties imposed under section 38, 39 or 65.1 and repayments of overpaid benefits, except interest and penalties on benefit repayment,
 - (ii) received on account of principal or interest on loans made by the Commission under Part II,
 - (iii) received as repayments of overpayments by the Commission under section 61 for employment benefits and support measures authorized by Part II,
 - (iv) received as repayments of overpayments by the Commission under agreements entered into under section 63, or
 - (v) received as interest under section 80.1;
- (g) any amount provided out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the Commission by the Minister of Finance under section 74;
- (h) any amount provided out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund appropriated by Parliament intended for any purpose related to employment insurance and administered by the Commission; and
- (i) any other amounts paid into the Consolidated Revenue Fund or to the Commission under this Act for any purpose related to employment insurance and administered by the Commission.

(2) All amounts paid into the Employment Insurance Account

- (a) shall become part of the assets of the Commission; and
- (b) shall, as they are paid into the Account, be deposited with a financial institution within the meaning of the *Financial Consumer Agency of Canada Act*, a body corporate to which the *Trust and Loan Companies Act* applies, or an association to which the *Cooperative Credit Associations Act* applies.

(3) The Commission shall

- (a) manage the amounts paid into the Employment Insurance Account in the best interests of the contributors and beneficiaries under the employment insurance system; and
- (b) subject to section 73, invest its assets with a financial institution, body corporate or association referred to in paragraph (2)(b) with a view to achieving a maximum rate of return without undue risk of loss, having regard to the factors that may affect the funding of the employment insurance system provided for in this Act and the ability of the Commission to meet its financial obligations.

73. At the request of the Minister of Finance, the Commission may extend a loan to Her Majesty in right of Canada to be repaid on such terms and conditions, including interest, as the Commission may establish.

74. (1) Where the assets of the Employment Insurance Account are not sufficient for the payment of the amounts that the Commission is liable to pay under this Act, the Minister of Finance shall, at the request of the Commission, extend a loan from the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the Commission in an amount sufficient to meet the payments.

(2) The Minister of Finance shall set an interest rate and terms and conditions for the repayment of the loan that are more advantageous to the Commission than those that the Commission can obtain from a financial institution.

20. Sections 77 and 78 of the Act are replaced by the following:

77. (1) There shall be paid out of the Employment Insurance Account

(a) all amounts paid as or on account of benefits under this Act;

(b) all amounts paid under section 61 for employment benefits and support measures authorized by Part II;

(c) all amounts paid under paragraph 63(a);

(d) the costs of administering this Act, including administration costs paid under section 62 or paragraph 63(b);

(e) any amount paid by the Commission to Her Majesty in right of Canada under section 73; and

(f) any other amount to be paid by the Commission under this Act, including all amounts paid by the Commission under an agreement with the government of a province.

(2) Despite any other Act of Parliament, amounts mentioned in paragraph (1)(a) shall be paid by special warrants drawn on and issued by the Commission by electronic means or bearing the printed signature of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Commission, and amounts mentioned in paragraphs (1)(b) and (c) may be paid by the special warrants.

(3) The special warrants are negotiable without charge at any financial institution in Canada.

21. Section 80 of the Act is repealed.

22. Subsections 96(4) and (5) of the Act are replaced by the following:

(4) If a person has insurable earnings of not more than \$3,000 in a year, the Minister shall refund to the person the aggregate of all amounts deducted as required from the insurable earnings, whether by one or more employers, on account of the person's employee's premiums for that year.

(5) If a person has insurable earnings of more than \$3,000 in a year, but the insurable earnings minus the aggregate of all amounts mentioned in subsection (4) are less than 3,000, the Minister shall refund to the person an amount calculated in accordance with the following formula if that amount is more than 1:

$$\$3,000 - (IE - P)$$

where

P is the aggregate of all deducted amounts mentioned in subsection (4); and

IE is the person's insurable earnings in the year."

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it was beyond the scope of the Bill, as provided on page 654 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

On Schedule 2,

Guy Côté moved, — That Bill C-48 be amended by adding after line 36 on page 2 the following new schedule:

"SCHEDULE 2

(Section 5)"

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it is not in proper form.

The Title carried by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4

The question: "Shall the Bill, as amended, carry?" was put and was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, John McKay, Maria Minna, Pierre A. Paquette, Judy Wasylycia-Leis — 7; NAYS: Rona Ambrose, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg — 4.

At 11:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/14 3:39 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 75

Thursday, June 16, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the Tax Treaty between Canada and Barbados.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Don H. Bell,
Guy Côté,
Charles Hubbard,
Yvan Loubier,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Brian Pallister,
Charlie Penson
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Crête for Yvan Loubier,
and Guy Lauzon for Rona Ambrose.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Finance:

Brian Ernewein, Director, Tax Legislation Division, Tax Policy
Branch;
Len Farber, General Director, Tax Policy Branch.

Len Farber made a statement and, with Brian Ernewein, answered questions.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 75

Thursday, June 16, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met *in camera* at 11:45 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Paul Crête for Yvan Loubier and Guy Lauzon for Rona Ambrose.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Finance: Brian Ernewein, Director, Tax Legislation Division, Tax Policy Branch; Len Farber, General Director, Tax Policy Branch.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the four (4) consultants on the Federal Fiscal Forecasting will provide to the clerk of the Committee by Friday July 15, 2005, their Report on the first exercise based on the National Accounts released on May 31, 2005. The reports will be translated and then, made public.

At 12:09 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:14 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the Tax Treaty between Canada and Barbados.

Len Farber made a statement and, with Brian Ernewein, answered questions.

At 1:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/17 1:38 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 76

Tuesday, June 21, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the Budgetary Review Committee.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Don H. Bell,
Guy Côté,
Charles Hubbard,
Yvan Loubier,
Hon. John McKay,
Massimo Pacetti,
Brian Pallister,
Charlie Penson,
Monte Solberg
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Susan Kadis for Hon. Maria Minna.

IN ATTENDANCE:

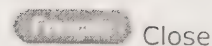
Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

WITNESS:

O'Neill Strategic Economics:

Tim O'Neill, Strategic Economics.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 76

Tuesday, June 21, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 10:03 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, Hon. John McKay, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Susan Kadis for Hon. Maria Minna.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Witnesses: O'Neill Strategic Economics: Tim O'Neill, Strategic Economics.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the Budgetary Review Committee.

Tim O'Neill made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:05 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:35 a.m., the sitting resumed.

It was agreed, — That the Budget for travelling on the Pre-Budget Consultations 2005 be adopted.

At 12:21 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/21 2:20 p.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 77

Thursday, June 23, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met *in camera* at 12:07 p.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Hon. John McKay, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: John Duncan for Brian Pallister and Jean-Yves Roy for Yvan Loubier.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst; Sheena Starky, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee will proceed with the Pre-Budget Consultations from September 26 to November 4, 2005.

That the Committee will travel during the week of October 17, 2005, to Vancouver, Calgary, Saskatoon and Winnipeg.

That the Committee will travel during the week of October 31, 2005, to Halifax, Montreal and Toronto.

That the think thanks groups will be invited for the first two panels.

At 1:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/29 3:07 p.m.

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Meeting No. 78

Tuesday, June 28, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, March 7, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-273, An Act to amend the Income Tax Act (deduction for volunteer emergency service).

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Don H. Bell,
Guy Côté,
Charles Hubbard,
Yvan Loubier,
Hon. John McKay,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti
and Monte Solberg.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Rodger Cuzner, Cape Breton—Canso.

Department of Finance:

Serge Nadeau, Director, Tax Policy Branch, Personal Income Tax
Division.

Rodger Cuzner and Rick Casson made statements and answered questions.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 78

Tuesday, June 28, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Guy Côté, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, Hon. John McKay, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti and Monte Solberg.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal.

Witnesses: Rodger Cuzner, Cape Breton—Canso. *Department of Finance:* Serge Nadeau, Director, Tax Policy Branch, Personal Income Tax Division.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, March 7, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-273, An Act to amend the Income Tax Act (deduction for volunteer emergency service).

Rodger Cuzner and Rick Casson made statements and answered questions.

Serge Nadeau made a statement and answered questions.

It was agreed, — That pursuant Standing Order 97.1, the Committee will request, from the House, an extension of 30 sitting days for the Bill C-273..

At 5:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/29 11:34 a.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 79

Wednesday, September 28, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:


Rona Ambrose,
Charles Hubbard,
Yvan Loubier,
Hon. John McKay,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Charlie Penson
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté,
and Gary Goodyear for Monte Solberg.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Jean Dupuis, Analyst;
Sheena Starky, Analyst.



WITNESSES:

Canadian Council on Social Development:
Peter Bleyer, President.

Conference Board of Canada:
Glen Hodgson, Vice-President and Chief Economist;
Matthew Stewart, Senior Economist.

Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives:
Ellen Russell, Economist.

The Fraser Institute:
Niels Veldhuis, Senior Research Economist.

Conseil du patronat du Québec:
Gilles Taillon, President.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 79

Wednesday, September 28, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 3:41 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Charlie Penson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté and Gary Goodyear for Monte Solberg.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean Dupuis, Analyst; Sheena Starky, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Council on Social Development: Peter Bleyer, President. *Conference Board of Canada:* Glen Hodgson, Vice-President and Chief Economist; Matthew Stewart, Senior Economist. *Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives:* Ellen Russell, Economist. *The Fraser Institute:* Niels Veldhuis, Senior Research Economist. *Conseil du patronat du Québec:* Gilles Taillon, President.

Gary Goodyear gave a 48 hour notice of the following motion:

1) That the Committee call on the Minister of National Revenue to repeal the Notice of Assessment refusing to reimburse the GST claims of the Quebec and Ontario school boards and that the Minister of National Revenue issue the total amount of GST reimbursements to the school boards, which have been granted by final judgements from the Canadian Taxation Court and consented to by the Crown, representing approximately \$8 M in one case and \$10 M, in the other.

2) That the Committee call on the federal Minister of Finance to repeal the retroactive amendment to the Excise Tax Act which permits the Minister of National Revenue to reassess school boards and claim reimbursements of any money paid in conformity with any judgment which may have been rendered after December 2001 (such as the final judgments rendered by the Tax Court of Canada on 29 January 2003)

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee commenced its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Peter Bleyer, Glen Hodgson, Ellen Russell, Neils Veldhuis and Gilles Taillon made statements and answered questions.

At 5:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

2005/10/04 4:13 p.m.

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Meeting No. 80

Thursday, September 29, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Don H. Bell,
Hon. Charles Hubbard,
Yvan Loubier,
John McKay,
Massimo Pacetti,
Brian Pallister,
Charlie Penson,
Monte Solberg
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Jean Dupuis, Analyst;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst;
Sheena Starky, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Federation of Independent Business:

Garth Whyte, Executive Vice-President;
André Piché, Director.

Centre for the Study of Living Standards:

Andrew Sharpe, Executive Director.

C.D. Howe Institute:

William B.P. Robson, Senior Vice-President and Director of
Research.

Canadian Council of Chief Executives:

David Stewart-Patterson, Executive Vice President;
Sam Boutziouvis, Vice President, Policy and Director of Research.

Canadian Labour Congress:

Hassan Yussuff, Secretary-Treasurer;
Andrew Jackson, Senior Economist, Social and Economic Policy;
Teresa Healy, Senior Researcher.

Confederation of National Trade Unions:

Pierre Patry, Treasurer;
Normand Brouillet, Assistant, Executive Committee.

Garth Whyte, Andrew Sharpe, William B. P. Robson and David Stewart-Patterson made statements and, with Sam Boutziouvis, answered questions.

Hassan Yussuff and Pierre Patry made statements and, with Andrew Jackson, Teresa Healy and Normand Brouillet, answered questions.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
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Meeting No. 80

Thursday, September 29, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 9:06 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean Dupuis, Analyst; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst; Sheena Starky, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Federation of Independent Business: Garth Whyte, Executive Vice-President; André Piché, Director. *Centre for the Study of Living Standards:* Andrew Sharpe, Executive Director. *C.D. Howe Institute:* William B.P. Robson, Senior Vice-President and Director of Research. *Canadian Council of Chief Executives:* David Stewart-Patterson, Executive Vice President; Sam Boutziouvis, Vice President, Policy and Director of Research. *Canadian Labour Congress:* Hassan Yussuff, Secretary-Treasurer; Andrew Jackson, Senior Economist, Social and Economic Policy; Teresa Healy, Senior Researcher. *Confederation of National Trade Unions:* Pierre Patry, Treasurer; Normand Brouillet, Assistant, Executive Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Garth Whyte, Andrew Sharpe, William B. P. Robson and David Stewart-Patterson made statements and, with Sam Boutziouvis, answered questions.

At 11:06 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:17 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Hassan Yussuff and Pierre Patry made statements and, with Andrew Jackson, Teresa Healy and Normand Brouillet, answered questions.

At 12:44 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

2005/10/04 4:16 p.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti Lib.

Meeting No. 81

Thursday September 29 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1 the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Don H. Bell
Hon. John McKay
Hon. Maria Minna
Massimo Pacetti
Brian Pallister
Charlie Penson
Monte Solberg
Judy Wasylycia-Leis

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté
Brian Jean for Rona Ambrose

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Alexandre Laurin Analyst
Sheena Starky Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Imagine Canada:

Mrs. Georgina Steinsky-Schwartz President and Chief Executive Officer

Voluntary Sector Forum:

Marlene Deboisbriand Member

Canadian Bar Association:

James Parks Chair National Charities and Not for Profit Law Section

Association of Fundraising Professionals:

Tad Brown Chair Government Relations Committee

Canadian Association of Gift Planners:

Diane MacDonald Executive Director

Philanthropic Foundations Canada:

Hilary Pearson President

Community Foundations of Canada:

Monica Patten President and Chief Executive Officer

Georgina Steinsky-Schwartz, Marlene Deboisbriand, James Parks, Tad Brown, Diane MacDonald, Hilary Pearson and Monica Patten made statements answered questions.

Richard Dupuis Christine Lafrance
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Meeting No. 81

Thursday, September 29, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Don H. Bell, Hon. John McKay, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté and Brian Jean for Rona Ambrose.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Alexandre Laurin, Analyst; Sheena Starky, Analyst.

Witnesses: Imagine Canada: Mrs. Georgina Steinsky-Schwartz, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Voluntary Sector Forum:* Marlene Deboisbriand, Member. *Canadian Bar Association:* James Parks, Chair, National Charities and Not for Profit Law Section. *Association of Fundraising Professionals:* Tad Brown, Chair, Government Relations Committee. *Canadian Association of Gift Planners:* Diane MacDonald, Executive Director. *Philanthropic Foundations Canada:* Hilary Pearson, President. *Community Foundations of Canada:* Monica Patten, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Georgina Steinsky-Schwartz, Marlene Deboisbriand, James Parks, Tad Brown, Diane MacDonald, Hilary Pearson and Monica Patten made statements answered questions.

At 5:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

2005/10/04 4:17 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 82

Thursday, September 29, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Don H. Bell,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Charlie Penson
and Monte Solberg.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pat Martin.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst;
Sheena Starky, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Building and Construction Trades Department, AFL-CIO, Canadian Office:

Robert Blakely, Director, Canadian Affairs;
Carol MacLeod, Executive Director, Government Affairs and Communications.

Canadian Automobile Association:

David Flewelling, President.

Canadian Meat Council:

Jim Laws, Executive Director.

Canadian Nurses Association:

Deborah Tamlyn, President.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 82

Thursday, September 29, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 5:14 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Don H. Bell, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Charlie Penson and Monte Solberg.

Acting Members present: Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté.

Other Members present: Pat Martin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Alexandre Laurin, Analyst; Sheena Starky, Analyst.

Witnesses: Building and Construction Trades Department, AFL-CIO, Canadian Office: Robert Blakely, Director, Canadian Affairs; Carol MacLeod, Executive Director, Government Affairs and Communications. *Canadian Automobile Association:* David Flewelling, President. *Canadian Meat Council:* Jim Laws, Executive Director. *Canadian Nurses Association:* Deborah Tamlyn, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Robert Blakely, Carol MacLeod, David Flewelling, Jim Laws and Deborah Tamlyn made statements and answered questions.

At 6:43 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

2005/10/04 4:20 p.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti.

Meeting No. 83

Tuesday, October 4, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Don H. Bell,
Charles Hubbard,
Yvan Loubier,
Hon. John McKay
and Massimo Pacetti.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Goodyear for Monte Solberg,
Richard Harris for Rona Ambrose,
and Pat Martin for Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Assembly of First Nations:

Richard Jock, Executive Director;
Bob Watts, Chief of Staff.

Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami of Canada:

Jose A. Kusugak, President.

National Association of Friendship Centres:

Peter Dinsdale, Executive Director.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 83

Tuesday, October 4, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 9:39 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Don H. Bell, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, Hon. John McKay and Massimo Pacetti.

Acting Members present: Gary Goodyear for Monte Solberg, Richard Harris for Rona Ambrose and Pat Martin for Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Assembly of First Nations: Richard Jock, Executive Director; Bob Watts, Chief of Staff. *Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami of Canada:* Jose A. Kusugak, President. *National Association of Friendship Centres:* Peter Dinsdale, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Bob Watts, Richard Jock, Jose A. Kusugak and Peter Dinsdale made statements and answered questions.

At 11:08 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

2005/10/04 4:24 p.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 84

Tuesday, October 4, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Don H. Bell,
Charles Hubbard,
Yvan Loubier,
Hon. John McKay
and Massimo Pacetti.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Colin Carrie for Charlie Penson,
Gary Goodyear for Monte Solberg,
Richard Harris for Brian Pallister,
Peter Julian for Judy Wasylycia-Leis,
Todd Norman Russell for Charles Hubbard,
and Lui Temelkovski for Hon. Maria Minna.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canada's Research-Based Pharmaceutical Companies (Rx&D):

Russell Williams, President;
Terry McCool, Vice-President, Corporate Affairs, Eli Lilly Canada Inc..

Canadian Chemical Producers' Association:

Richard Paton, President and Chief Executive Officer;
David F. Podruzny, Senior Manager, Business and Economics.

Canadian Construction Association:

Michael Atkinson, President.

Canadian Federation of Agriculture:

Marvin Shauf, Vice-President;
Justin To, Analyst, Farm Policy;
Pierre Gauvreau, Chief Executive Officer, La Coop fédérée.

Canadian Home Builders' Association:

David Wassmansdorf, President;
John Kenward, Chief Operating Officer.

Canadian Steel Producers Association:

Barry Lacombe, President.

Russell Williams, Terry McCool, Richard Paton, Michael Atkinson, Marvin Shauf, David Wassmansdorf and Barry Lacombe made statements and, with David F. Podruzny and Pierre Gauvreau, answered questions.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 84

Tuesday, October 4, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 11:15 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, Hon. John McKay and Massimo Pacetti.

Acting Members present: Colin Carrie for Charlie Penson, Gary Goodyear for Monte Solberg, Richard Harris for Brian Pallister, Peter Julian for Judy Wasylycia-Leis, Todd Norman Russell for Charles Hubbard and Lui Temelkovski for Hon. Maria Minna.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canada's Research-Based Pharmaceutical Companies (Rx&D): Russell Williams, President; Terry McCool, Vice-President, Corporate Affairs, Eli Lilly Canada Inc.. *Canadian Chemical Producers' Association:* Richard Paton, President and Chief Executive Officer; David F. Podruzny, Senior Manager, Business and Economics. *Canadian Construction Association:* Michael Atkinson, President. *Canadian Federation of Agriculture:* Marvin Shauf, Vice-President; Justin To, Analyst, Farm Policy; Pierre Gauvreau, Chief Executive Officer, La Coop fédérée. *Canadian Home Builders' Association:* David Wassmansdorf, President; John Kenward, Chief Operating Officer. *Canadian Steel Producers Association:* Barry Lacombe, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Russell Williams, Terry McCool, Richard Paton, Michael Atkinson, Marvin Shauf, David Wassmansdorf and Barry Lacombe made statements and, with David F. Podruzny and Pierre Gauvreau, answered questions.

Gary Goodyear moved, — That his 48 hour motion be considered now.

The Chair ruled that the time was not appropriate to deal with the motion.

Whereupon, Gary Goodyear appealed the decision of the Chair.

The question: "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?" was put and the decision was overturned, by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 6.

Pursuant to the 48 hour motion notice agreed on Tuesday, October 12, 2004:

Gary Goodyear moved, — 1) That the committee call on the Minister of National Revenue to repeal the Notice of Assessments refusing to reimburse the GST claims of the Quebec and Ontario school boards and that the Minister of National Revenue issue the total amount of GST reimbursements to the school boards, which have been granted by final judgments from the Canadian Taxation Court and consented to by the Crown, representing approximately \$8 M in one case and \$10 M, in the other.

2) That the committee call on the federal Minister of Finance to repeal the retroactive amendment to the Excise Tax Act which permits the Minister of National Revenue to reassess school boards and claim reimbursements of any money paid in conformity with any judgment which may have been rendered after 21 December 2001 (such as the final judgments rendered by the Tax Court of Canada on 29 January 2003)

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Rona Ambrose, Colin Carrie, Gary Goodyear, Richard Harris, Peter Julian, Yvan Loubier — 6; NAYS: Don H. Bell, John McKay, Todd Norman Russell, Lui Temelkovski — 4.

At 12:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

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2005/10/11 2:42 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti. Lib.

Meeting No. 85

Tuesday, October 4, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Don H. Bell,
Charles Hubbard,
Hon. John McKay,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti
and Monte Solberg.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras for Yvan Loubier,
Joe Comartin for Judy Wasylycia-Leis,
Christiane Gagnon for Yvan Loubier,
and Joy Smith for Charlie Penson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Sheena Starky, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

National Council of Women of Canada:

Catharine Laidlaw-Sly, Past President;
Karen Dempsey, Vice President.

Social Planning Council of Ottawa:

Helen Saravanamuttoo, Treasurer;
Jenny Gullen, President.

Sport Matters Group:

Ian Bird, Senior Leader;
Victor Lachance, Chair.

Action Canada for Population and Development:

Katherine McDonald, Executive Director;
Dina Epale, Public Affairs Officer.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 85

Tuesday, October 4, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 3:38 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Charles Hubbard, Hon. John McKay, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti and Monte Solberg.

Acting Members present: Bernard Bigras for Yvan Loubier, Joe Comartin for Judy Wasylycia-Leis, Christiane Gagnon for Yvan Loubier and Joy Smith for Charlie Penson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Sheena Starky, Analyst.

Witnesses: National Council of Women of Canada : Catharine Laidlaw-Sly, Past President; Karen Dempsey, Vice President. *Social Planning Council of Ottawa:* Helen Saravanamuttoo, Treasurer; Jenny Gullen, President. *Sport Matters Group:* Ian Bird, Senior Leader; Victor Lachance, Chair. *Action Canada for Population and Development:* Katherine McDonald, Executive Director; Dina Epale, Public Affairs Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Karen Dempsey, Helen Saracanamuttoo, Jenny Gullen, Ian Bird, Victor Lachance, Katherine MacDonald and Dina Epale made statements and, with Catharine Laidlaw-Sly, answered questions.

At 5:07 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

2005/10/05 1:59 p.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 86

Tuesday, October 4, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Charles Hubbard,
Hon. John McKay,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti
and Monte Solberg.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Peter Adams for Don H. Bell,
Hon. Eleni Bakopanos for Hon. John McKay,
Hon. Marlene Jennings for Hon. Maria Minna,
Alexa McDonough for Judy Wasylycia-Leis,
and Peter Van Loan for Charlie Penson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Sheena Starky, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Federation of Students:

Michael Conlon, Director of Research.

Quebec Federation of University Students:

Guillaume Lavoie, Vice-President, International and Federal Affairs.

Canadian Alliance of Student Associations:

Toby White, Government Relations Officer.

MDA Space Missions Group:

Magued Iskander, Executive Vice-President and General Manager.

Canadian Alliance of Student Associations:

Phillippe Ouellette, National Director.

Canadian Association of University Teachers:

David Robinson, Associate Executive Director.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 86

Tuesday, October 4, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 5:17 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Charles Hubbard, Hon. John McKay, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti and Monte Solberg.

Acting Members present: Hon. Peter Adams for Don H. Bell, Hon. Eleni Bakopanos for Hon. John McKay, Hon. Marlene Jennings for Hon. Maria Minna, Alexa McDonough for Judy Wasylycia-Leis and Peter Van Loan for Charlie Penson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Sheena Starky, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Federation of Students: Michael Conlon, Director of Research. *Quebec Federation of University Students:* Guillaume Lavoie, Vice-President, International and Federal Affairs. *Canadian Alliance of Student Associations:* Toby White, Government Relations Officer. *MDA Space Missions Group:* Magued Iskander, Executive Vice-President and General Manager. *Canadian Alliance of Student Associations:* Phillippe Ouellette, National Director. *Canadian Association of University Teachers:* David Robinson, Associate Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Michael Colon, Guillaume Lavoie, Magued Iskander, Philippe Ouellette and David Robinson made statements and, with Toby White, answered questions.

At 6:56 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

2005/10/14 4:15 p.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti. Lib.

Meeting No. 87

Wednesday, October 5, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Don H. Bell,
Charles Hubbard,
Hon. John McKay,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté,
Christiane Gagnon for Yvan Loubier,
Richard Harris for Charlie Penson,
and Bev Oda for Brian Pallister.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Sheena Starky, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Campaign Against Child Poverty:

Caroline Di Giovanni, Director;
Simon Rosenblum, Director;
Gerald Vandezande, Director.

Canadian Council for International Cooperation:

Gerry Barr, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada:

Monica Lysack, Executive Director;
Lynell Anderson, Project Director.

Family Services à la famille Ottawa:

Peter Crosby, Member, Board of Direction;
Rosemary Laurin, Member Board of Director.

National Children's Alliance:

Alfred Gay, Policy Analyst, National Association of Friendship
Centres;
Janis Douglas, Manager, Capacity Development and Community
Affairs, Boys and Girls Club of Canada.

Canadian Co-operative Association:

Carol Hunter, Executive Director;
Dave Sitaram, President.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 87

Wednesday, October 5, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Charles Hubbard, Hon. John McKay, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté, Christiane Gagnon for Yvan Loubier, Richard Harris for Charlie Penson and Bev Oda for Brian Pallister.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Sheena Starky, Analyst.

Witnesses: Campaign Against Child Poverty: Caroline Di Giovanni, Director; Simon Rosenblum, Director; Gerald Vandezande, Director. *Canadian Council for International Cooperation:* Gerry Barr, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada:* Monica Lysack, Executive Director; Lynell Anderson, Project Director. *Family Services à la famille Ottawa:* Peter Crosby, Member, Board of Direction; Rosemary Laurin, Member Board of Director. *National Children's Alliance:* Alfred Gay, Policy Analyst, National Association of Friendship Centres; Janis Douglas, Manager, Capacity Development and Community Affairs, Boys and Girls Club of Canada. *Canadian Co-operative Association:* Carol Hunter, Executive Director; Dave Sitaram, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Caroline Di Giovanni, Simon Rosenblum, Gerald Vandezande, Gerry Barr, Monica Lysack, Lynell Anderson, Peter Crosby, Rosemary Laurin, Alfred Gay, Janis Douglas and Carol Hunter made statements and answered questions.

At 5:06 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

2005/10/06 2:29 p.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 88

Wednesday, October 5, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Don H. Bell,
Yvan Loubier,
Hon. Maria Minna
and Massimo Pacetti.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Maka Kotto for Guy Côté,
and Bev Oda for Brian Pallister.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Sheena Starky, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Alliance of Canadian Cinema, Television and Radio Artists:

Richard Hardacre, National President;
Barry Blake, National Councillor.

Canadian Arts Summit:

Sarah J.E. Iley, Vice-President, Programming, The Banff Centre;
Axel Conradi, Past-President, Arts Club Theatre, Vancouver.

Canadian Association of Research Libraries:

Leslie Weir, Vice-President, University of Ottawa Chief Librarian.

Canadian Conference of the Arts :

Keith Kelly, Cultural Policy Consultant;
James Missen, Cultural Policy Advisor.

Canadian Council of Archives:

Christina Nichols, Executive Director;
Fred Farrell, Chair, Board of Directors.

Canadian Library Association:

Barbara Clubb, President.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 88

Wednesday, October 5, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 5:13 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Yvan Loubier, Hon. Maria Minna and Massimo Pacetti.

Acting Members present: Maka Kotto for Guy Côté and Bev Oda for Brian Pallister.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Sheena Starky, Analyst.

Witnesses: Alliance of Canadian Cinema, Television and Radio Artists: Richard Hardacre, National President; Barry Blake, National Councillor. *Canadian Arts Summit:* Sarah J.E. Iley, Vice-President, Programming, The Banff Centre; Axel Conradi, Past-President, Arts Club Theatre, Vancouver. *Canadian Association of Research Libraries:* Leslie Weir, Vice-President, University of Ottawa Chief Librarian. *Canadian Conference of the Arts :* Keith Kelly, Cultural Policy Consultant; James Missen, Cultural Policy Advisor. *Canadian Council of Archives:* Christina Nichols, Executive Director; Fred Farrell, Chair, Board of Directors. *Canadian Library Association:* Barbara Clubb, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Richard Hardacre, Barry Blake, Sarah J. E. Iley, Axel Conradi, Leslie Weir, Keith Kelly, James Missen, Fred Farrell and Barbara Clubb made statements.

At 6:09 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

2005/10/06 2:30 p.m.

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Meeting No. 89

Thursday, October 6, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Don H. Bell,
Charles Hubbard,
Yvan Loubier,
Massimo Pacetti,
Charlie Penson
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté,
and Richard Harris for Monte Solberg.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Association of Retired Teachers:

Pierre Drouin, Executive Director.

Canadian Federation of Medical Students:

Nick Rose, Representative, Emergency Department, University of British Columbia.

Canadian Association of Interns and Residents:

Ryan Wright, Representative, Doctor and Family physician.

Canadian Council for Tobacco Control:

Bob Walsh, Executive Director;
Jocelyne Koepke, Operations Manager.

Episodic Disabilities Network:

Eileen McKee, Project Manager.

VON Canada:

Judith Shamian, President and Chief Executive Officer.

World Vision Canada:

Kathy Vandergrift, Director of Policy.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 89

Thursday, October 6, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 9:38 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, Massimo Pacetti, Charlie Penson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté and Richard Harris for Monte Solberg.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Association of Retired Teachers: Pierre Drouin, Executive Director. *Canadian Federation of Medical Students:* Nick Rose, Representative, Emergency Department, University of British Columbia. *Canadian Association of Interns and Residents:* Ryan Wright, Representative, Doctor and Family physician. *Canadian Council for Tobacco Control:* Bob Walsh, Executive Director; Jocelyne Koepke, Operations Manager. *Episodic Disabilities Network:* Eileen McKee, Project Manager. *VON Canada:* Judith Shamian, President and Chief Executive Officer. *World Vision Canada:* Kathy Vandergrift, Director of Policy.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Pierre Drouin, Nick Rose, Ryan Wright, Bob Walsh, Eileen McKee, Judith Shamian and Kathy Vandergrift made statements and answered questions.

At 11:09 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

2005/10/14 4:17 p.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 90

Thursday, October 6, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Charles Hubbard,
Yvan Loubier,
Hon. John McKay
and Massimo Pacetti.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté,
David Christopherson for Judy Wasylycia-Leis,
Richard Harris for Monte Solberg,
and Ed Komarnicki for Charlie Penson.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Bouchard
and David Christopherson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Boilermakers Union - Local 128:

Raymond Koskie, Consultant;
Joseph Fashion, Business Manager, International Brotherhood of
Electrical Workers - Local 353.

*International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers - Construction Council of
Ontario:*

Raymond Koskie, Consultant;
Joseph Fashion, Business Manager, International Brotherhood of
Electrical Workers - Local 353.

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers - Local 353:

Raymond Koskie, Consultant;
Joseph Fashion, Business Manager.

Ontario Pipe Trades Council:

Raymond Koskie, Consultant;
Joseph Fashion, Business Manager, International Brotherhood of
Electrical Workers - Local 353.

Provincial Building and Construction Trades Council of Ontario:

Raymond Koskie, Consultant;
Joseph Fashion, Business Manager, International Brotherhood of
Electrical Workers - Local 353.

Amalgamated Transit Union - Local 279:

Donna-Lynn Ahee, Secretary-Treasurer.

International Association of Fire Fighters:

Jim Lee, Assistant to the General President, Canadian Operations.

United Steelworkers:

Charles Campbell, Director, Research.

The Alliance of Sector Councils:

Wendy Swedlove, Vice-Chair;
Andrew Cardozo, Executive Director.

Raymond Koskie, Joseph Fashion, Donna-Lynn Ahee, Jim Lee, Charles Campbell and Wendy Swedlove made statements and, with Andrew Cardozo, answered questions.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 90

Thursday, October 6, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 11:17 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, Hon. John McKay and Massimo Pacetti.

Acting Members present: Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté, David Christopherson for Judy Wasylycia-Leis, Richard Harris for Monte Solberg and Ed Komarnicki for Charlie Penson.

Associate Members present: Robert Bouchard and David Christopherson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Boilermakers Union - Local 128: Raymond Koskie, Consultant; Joseph Fashion, Business Manager, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers - Local 353. *International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers - Construction Council of Ontario:* Raymond Koskie, Consultant; Joseph Fashion, Business Manager, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers - Local 353. *International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers - Local 353:* Raymond Koskie, Consultant; Joseph Fashion, Business Manager. *Ontario Pipe Trades Council:* Raymond Koskie, Consultant; Joseph Fashion, Business Manager, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers - Local 353. *Provincial Building and Construction Trades Council of Ontario:* Raymond Koskie, Consultant; Joseph Fashion, Business Manager, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers - Local 353. *Amalgamated Transit Union - Local 279:* Donna-Lynn Ahee, Secretary-Treasurer. *International Association of Fire Fighters:* Jim Lee, Assistant to the General President, Canadian Operations. *United Steelworkers:* Charles Campbell, Director, Research. *The Alliance of Sector Councils:* Wendy Swedlove, Vice-Chair; Andrew Cardozo, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Raymond Koskie, Joseph Fashion, Donna-Lynn Ahee, Jim Lee, Charles Campbell and Wendy Swedlove made statements and, with Andrew Cardozo, answered questions.

At 12:48 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

2005/10/07 9:42 a.m.

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Meeting No. 91

Thursday, October 6, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Don H. Bell,
Charles Hubbard,
Yvan Loubier,
Hon. John McKay,
Massimo Pacetti
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paule Brunelle for Yvan Loubier,
Susan Kadis for Hon. Maria Minna,
and Rob Merrifield for Charlie Penson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Sheena Starky, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Association of Canadian Academic Healthcare Organizations:

Glenn Brimacombe, Chief Executive Officer;
Bernie Bressler, Co-Chair, Health Research Committee, Vice-
President of Research, Assistant Dean Research.

Canadian AIDS Society:

Paul Lapierre, Executive Director;
Mark Creighan, Media Relations Officer.

Canadian Dental Association:

Jack Cottrell, President;
Andrew Jones, Director, Corporate and Government Relations.

Canadian Healthcare Association:

Sharon Sholzberg-Gray, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Mental Health Association:

Penelope Marrett, Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Paediatric Society:

C. Robin Walker, Past President.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 91

Thursday, October 6, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Charles Hubbard, Yvan Loubier, Hon. John McKay, Massimo Pacetti and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Paule Brunelle for Yvan Loubier, Susan Kadis for Hon. Maria Minna and Rob Merrifield for Charlie Penson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Sheena Starky, Analyst.

Witnesses: Association of Canadian Academic Healthcare Organizations: Glenn Brimacombe, Chief Executive Officer; Bernie Bressler, Co-Chair, Health Research Committee, Vice-President of Research, Assistant Dean Research. *Canadian AIDS Society:* Paul Lapierre, Executive Director; Mark Creighan, Media Relations Officer. *Canadian Dental Association:* Jack Cottrell, President; Andrew Jones, Director, Corporate and Government Relations. *Canadian Healthcare Association:* Sharon Sholzberg-Gray, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Canadian Mental Health Association:* Penelope Marrett, Chief Executive Officer. *Canadian Paediatric Society:* C. Robin Walker, Past President.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to S. O. 97.1 (3)(a), the Committee request, from the House, an extension of 30 sitting for Bill C-285.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to S.O. 97.1(3)(a), the Committee request, from the House, an extension of 30 sitting days for Bill C-265.

It was agreed, — That the Committee adopt the pre-budget consultations 2005 operational budget of \$48,900.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Glenn Brimacombe, Bernie Bressler, Paul Lapierre, Jack Cottrell, Sharon Sholzberg-Gray, Penelope Marrett and C. Robin Walker made statements and answered questions.

At 5:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee

2005/10/07 11:08 a.m.

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Meeting No. 92

Thursday, October 6, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Charles Hubbard,
Massimo Pacetti
and Charlie Penson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Navdeep Bains for Hon. John McKay,
Joe Comartin for Judy Wasylycia-Leis,
and Hon. Roy Cullen for Don H. Bell.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Sheena Starky, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Association of Canadian Travel Agencies:

Jean Colette, Council Member;
Chistiane Théberge, Vice-President , Public Affairs.

Canadian Chamber of Commerce:

Nancy Hughes Anthony, President and Chief Executive Officer;
Michael Murphy, Senior Vice-President, Policy.

Hotel Association of Canada:

Anthony P. Pollard, President.

Railway Association of Canada:

Chris Jones, Director, Federal and Provincial Government Liaison,
Public Affairs and Government Relations;
Sab Meffe, Assistant Vice-President, Taxation.

Tourism Industry Association of Canada:

Jennifer Demers, Director, Government Relations.

Mining Association of Canada:

Gordon Peeling, President and Chief Executive Officer;
Dan Paszkowski, Vice-President, Economic Affairs.

Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research:

Amir Attaran, Member, Canada Research Chair in Law,
Population Health and Global Development Policy.

Jean Colette, Nancy Hugues Anthony, Anthony P. Pollard, Chris Jones, Jennifer Demers, Gordon Peeling and Amir Attaran made statements and, with Sab Meffe and Michael Murphy, answered questions.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee



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Meeting No. 92

Thursday, October 6, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 5:14 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Charles Hubbard, Massimo Pacetti and Charlie Penson.

Acting Members present: Navdeep Bains for Hon. John McKay, Joe Comartin for Judy Wasylycia-Leis and Hon. Roy Cullen for Don H. Bell.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Sheena Starky, Analyst.

Witnesses: Association of Canadian Travel Agencies: Jean Colette, Council Member; Chistiane Th  berge, Vice-President, Public Affairs. *Canadian Chamber of Commerce:* Nancy Hughes Anthony, President and Chief Executive Officer; Michael Murphy, Senior Vice-President, Policy. *Hotel Association of Canada:* Anthony P. Pollard, President. *Railway Association of Canada:* Chris Jones, Director, Federal and Provincial Government Liaison, Public Affairs and Government Relations; Sab Meffe, Assistant Vice-President, Taxation. *Tourism Industry Association of Canada:* Jennifer Demers, Director, Government Relations. *Mining Association of Canada:* Gordon Peeling, President and Chief Executive Officer; Dan Paszkowski, Vice-President, Economic Affairs. *Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research:* Amir Attaran, Member, Canada Research Chair in Law, Population Health and Global Development Policy.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Jean Colette, Nancy Hugues Anthony, Anthony P. Pollard, Chris Jones, Jennifer Demers, Gordon Peeling and Amir Attaran made statements and, with Sab Meffe and Michael Murphy, answered questions.

At 7:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee

2005/10/07 9:21 a.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 93

Monday, October 17, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Don H. Bell,
Massimo Pacetti
and Charlie Penson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté,
and Jean Crowder for Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Sheena Starky, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Greater Vancouver Alliance for Arts and Culture:
Heather Redfern, Executive Director.

Forest Products Association of Canada:
Avrim Lazar, President and Chief Executive Officer;
Jim Shepherd, Board Member, President and Chief Executive
Officer, Canfor.

Keatley Films Limited:
Julia Keatley, Executive Producer;
Ms. Trish Dolman, President and Producer, Screen Siren Pictures
Inc..

Pacific Baroque Orchestra:
Tom Durrie, General Manager.

Union of B.C. Performers:
Mercedes Watson, Chief Executive Officer, ACTRA - British
Columbia;
Thom Tapley, Director, Operations and Communications - Film,
Television and Digital Media, ACTRA - British Columbia.

Heather Redfern, Avrim Lazar, Jim Shepherd, Julia Keatley, Trish Dolman, Tom Durrie
and Mercedes Watson made statements and, with Thom Tapley, answered questions.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee

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Meeting No. 93

Monday, October 17, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 9:08 a.m. this day, at the Hyatt Regency, Plaza B & C, Vancouver, British Columbia, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Massimo Pacetti and Charlie Penson.

Acting Members present: Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté and Jean Crowder for Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Sheena Starky, Analyst.

Witnesses: Greater Vancouver Alliance for Arts and Culture: Heather Redfern, Executive Director. *Forest Products Association of Canada:* Avrim Lazar, President and Chief Executive Officer; Jim Shepherd, Board Member, President and Chief Executive Officer, Canfor. *Keatley Films Limited:* Julia Keatley, Executive Producer; Ms. Trish Dolman, President and Producer, Screen Siren Pictures Inc.. *Pacific Baroque Orchestra:* Tom Durrie, General Manager. *Union of B.C. Performers:* Mercedes Watson, Chief Executive Officer, ACTRA - British Columbia; Thom Tapley, Director, Operations and Communications - Film, Television and Digital Media, ACTRA - British Columbia.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Heather Redfern, Avrim Lazar, Jim Shepherd, Julia Keatley, Trish Dolman, Tom Durrie and Mercedes Watson made statements and, with Thom Tapley, answered questions.

At 10:33 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee

2005/10/18 9:30 a.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti.

Meeting No. 94

Monday, October 17, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Don H. Bell,
Massimo Pacetti
and Charlie Penson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté,
and Jean Crowder for Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Sheena Starky, Analyst.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti. Lib.

Meeting No. 95

Monday, October 17, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Don H. Bell,
Massimo Pacetti
and Charlie Penson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté,
and Jean Crowder for Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Sheena Starky, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

British Columbia Child Care Advocacy Forum:

Rita Chudnovsky, Facilitator;
Pat Frouws, Representative, Advocacy Forum, Simon Fraser
University Childcare Society.

City of Vancouver:

Sheila Davidson, Child and Youth Advocate;
Anne Roberts, City councillor.

Coalition of Child Care Advocates of British Columbia:

Susan Harney, Chairperson;
Sharon Gregson, Chairperson.

Institute for Media, Policy and Civil Society:

Shauna Sylvester, Executive Director;
Richard Bridge, Legal Counsel.

Kids First Parent Association of Canada:

Helen Ward, President.

Planned Lifetime Advocacy Network:

Ted Kuntz, President.

Rita Chudnovsky, Sheila Davidson, Anne Roberts, Sharon Gregson, Shauna Sylvester, Helen Ward and Ted Kuntz made statements and, with Pat Frouws and Susan Harney, answered questions.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee

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Meeting No. 95

Monday, October 17, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 1:03 p.m. this day, at the Hyatt Regency, Plaza B & C, Vancouver, British Columbia, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Massimo Pacetti and Charlie Penson.

Acting Members present: Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté and Jean Crowder for Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Sheena Starky, Analyst.

Witnesses: British Columbia Child Care Advocacy Forum: Rita Chudnovsky, Facilitator; Pat Frouws, Representative, Advocacy Forum, Simon Fraser University Childcare Society. *City of Vancouver:* Sheila Davidson, Child and Youth Advocate; Anne Roberts, City councillor. *Coalition of Child Care Advocates of British Columbia:* Susan Harney, Chairperson; Sharon Gregson, Chairperson. *Institute for Media, Policy and Civil Society:* Shauna Sylvester, Executive Director; Richard Bridge, Legal Counsel. *Kids First Parent Association of Canada:* Helen Ward, President. *Planned Lifetime Advocacy Network:* Ted Kuntz, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Rita Chudnovsky, Sheila Davidson, Anne Roberts, Sharon Gregson, Shauna Sylvester, Helen Ward and Ted Kuntz made statements and, with Pat Frouws and Susan Harney, answered questions.

At 2:27 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee

2005/10/18 10:49 a.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 96

Monday, October 17, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose
Don H. Bell
Massimo Pacetti
Charlie Penson

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté
Jean Crowder for Judy Wasylycia-Leis

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal
Sheena Starky, Analyst

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Meeting No. 96

Monday, October 17, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 2:39 p.m. this day, at the Hyatt Regency, Plaza B & C, Vancouver, British Columbia, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Massimo Pacetti and Charlie Penson.

Acting Members present: Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté and Jean Crowder for Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Sheena Starky, Analyst.

Witnesses: Indian Taxation Advisory Board: Clarence (Manny) Jules, Chairman. *Vancouver Port Authority:* Lori Lindahl, Vice-President, Human Resources and Corporate Services; Jim Cox, Vice-President, Infrastructure Development. *Poverty and Human Rights Centre:* Margot E. Young, Advisor, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of British Columbia. *Social Planning and Research Council of British Columbia:* Sarah Slack, Assistant Executive Director. *Vancouver Aquarium Marine Science Centre:* John Nightingale, President; Anthony Abrahams, Capital Development Director. *Genome British Columbia:* Alan Winter, President; Bruce Schmidt, Corporate Secretary.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Clarence (Manny) Jules, Lori Lindahl, Margot E. Young, Sarah Slack, John Nightingale and Alan Winter made statements and, with Jim Cox, answered questions.

At 4:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee

2005/10/18 11:02 a.m.

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WITNESSES:

Indian Taxation Advisory Board:

Clarence (Manny) Jules, Chairman.

Vancouver Port Authority:

Lori Lindahl, Vice-President, Human Resources and Corporate Services;

Jim Cox, Vice-President, Infrastructure Development.

Poverty and Human Rights Centre:

Margot E. Young, Advisor, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of British Columbia.

Social Planning and Research Council of British Columbia:

Sarah Slack, Assistant Executive Director.

Vancouver Aquarium Marine Science Centre:

John Nightingale, President;

Anthony Abrahams, Capital Development Director.

Genome British Columbia:

Alan Winter, President;

Bruce Schmidt, Corporate Secretary.

Clarence (Manny) Jules, Lori Lindahl, Margot E. Young, Sarah Slack, John Nightingale and Alan Winter made statements and, with Jim Cox, answered questions.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
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Meeting No. 97

Monday, October 17, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Don H. Bell,
Massimo Pacetti
and Charlie Penson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté,
and Jean Crowder for Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Sheena Starky, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

B.C. Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association:
Jack Davidson, President.

British Columbia Real Estate Association:
Dave Barclay, President.

Business Council of British Columbia:
Ken Peacock, Senior Policy Analyst.

Canadian Finance and Leasing Association:
Joe Laleggia, Chairman;
David Powell, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Fuel Cells Canada:
Christopher T. Curtis, Vice-President.

Recreational Vehicle Dealers Association:
Eleonore Hamm, Executive Vice-President.

Vancouver Board of Trade:
Janette Pantry, Vice-Chair;
Don Matthew, Vice-Chair.

Jack Davidson, Dave Barclay, Ken Peacock, Joe Laleggia, Christopher T. Curtis, Eleonore Hamm and Janette Pantry made statements and, with David Powell and Don Matthew, answered questions.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee

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Meeting No. 97

Monday, October 17, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 4:11 p.m. this day, at the Hyatt Regency, Plaza B & C, Vancouver, British Columbia, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Massimo Pacetti and Charlie Penson.

Acting Members present: Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté and Jean Crowder for Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Sheena Starky, Analyst.

Witnesses: BC Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association: Jack Davidson, President. *British Columbia Real Estate Association:* Dave Barclay, President. *Business Council of British Columbia:* Ken Peacock, Senior Policy Analyst. *Canadian Finance and Leasing Association:* Joe Laleggia, Chairman; David Powell, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Fuel Cells Canada:* Christopher T. Curtis, Vice-President. *Recreational Vehicle Dealers Association:* Eleonore Hamm, Executive Vice-President. *Vancouver Board of Trade:* Janette Pantry, Vice-Chair; Don Matthew, Vice-Chair.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Jack Davidson, Dave Barclay, Ken Peacock, Joe Laleggia, Christopher T. Curtis, Eleonore Hamm and Janette Pantry made statements and, with David Powell and Don Matthew, answered questions.

At 5:42 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee

2005/10/18 11:14 a.m.

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Meeting No. 98

Tuesday, October 18, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Don H. Bell,
Massimo Pacetti
and Charlie Penson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté,
and Jean Crowder for Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Sheena Starky, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

BC Transit:

Steve New, Senior Vice-President, Municipal Systems Program;
Ron Harmer, Vice-President, Technical Services.

Canadian Federation of Students - British Columbia Component:

Lisa MacLeod, Chairperson;
Scott Payne, National Executive Representative.

Early Childhood Educators of British Columbia:

Diane Tannahill, President;
Kathy Hart, Director of Personnel.

Federation of Canadian Municipalities:

Gloria Kovach, First Vice-President, Councillor, City of Guelph;
James Knight, Chief Executive Officer.

First Call: BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition:

Stephen Kerstetter, Member, Co-ordinating committee;
Adrienne Montani, Co-ordinator, Community mobilization.

University Colleges of British Columbia Consortium:

Robert E. Buchan, Executive Director;
Skip Triplett, President, Kwantlen University College.

Steve New, Lisa MacLeod, Diane Tannahill, Kathy Hart, Gloria Kovach, Stephen Kerstetter and Robert E. Buchan made statements and, with James Knight, answered questions.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 98

Tuesday, October 18, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 9:03 a.m. this day, at the Hyatt Regency, Plaza B & C, Vancouver, British Columbia, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Massimo Pacetti and Charlie Penson.

Acting Members present: Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté and Jean Crowder for Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Sheena Starky, Analyst.

Witnesses: BC Transit: Steve New, Senior Vice-President, Municipal Systems Program; Ron Harmer, Vice-President, Technical Services. *Canadian Federation of Students - British Columbia Component:* Lisa MacLeod, Chairperson; Scott Payne, National Executive Representative. *Early Childhood Educators of British Columbia:* Diane Tannahill, President; Kathy Hart, Director of Personnel. *Federation of Canadian Municipalities:* Gloria Kovach, First Vice-President, Councillor, City of Guelph; James Knight, Chief Executive Officer. *First Call: BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition:* Stephen Kerstetter, Member, Co-ordinating committee; Adrienne Montani, Co-ordinator, Community mobilization. *University Colleges of British Columbia Consortium:* Robert E. Buchan, Executive Director; Skip Triplett, President, Kwantlen University College.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Steve New, Lisa MacLeod, Diane Tannahill, Kathy Hart, Gloria Kovach, Stephen Kerstetter and Robert E. Buchan made statements and, with James Knight, answered questions.

At 10:35 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee

2005/10/18 3:25 p.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 99

Tuesday, October 18, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Don H. Bell,
Massimo Pacetti
and Charlie Penson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté,
and Jean Crowder for Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Sheena Starky, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority:

Doug McCallum, Chair, Mayor of Surrey;
Patricia Jacobsen, Chief Executive Officer;
Robert Paddon, Vice-President, Corporate and Public Affairs.

As Individuals:

Richard Kinar, Advocate, Outdoor Safety;
Marilyn Elizabeth Young.

B.C. Government and Service Employees Union:

George Heyman, President;
Anita Zaenker, Executive Assistant to the President.

Benefic Lawyers:

Blake Bromley, Principal.

Coalition for the Re-formation of the Euro-American Democratic Order:

C. Alexander Olteanu, President;
Valerie Olteanu, Vice-President.

Doug McCallum, Richard Kinar, Marilyn Elizabeth Young, Anita Zaenker, Blake Bromley and C. Alexander Olteanu made statements and, with Patricia Jacobsen, answered questions.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee



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Meeting No. 99

Tuesday, October 18, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 10:48 a.m. this day, at the Hyatt Regency, Plaza B & C, Vancouver, British Columbia, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Don H. Bell, Massimo Pacetti and Charlie Penson.

Acting Members present: Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté and Jean Crowder for Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Sheena Starky, Analyst.

Witnesses: Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority: Doug McCallum, Chair, Mayor of Surrey; Patricia Jacobsen, Chief Executive Officer; Robert Paddon, Vice-President, Corporate and Public Affairs. *As Individuals:* Richard Kinar, Advocate, Outdoor Safety; Marilyn Elizabeth Young. *B.C. Government and Service Employees' Union:* George Heyman, President; Anita Zaenker, Executive Assistant to the President. *Benefic Lawyers:* Blake Bromley, Principal. *Coalition for the Re-formation of the Euro-American Demo:* C. Alexander Olteanu, President; Valerie Olteanu, Vice-President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Doug McCallum, Richard Kinar, Marilyn Elizabeth Young, Anita Zaenker, Blake Bromley and C. Alexander Olteanu made statements and, with Patricia Jacobsen, answered questions.

At 12:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee

2005/10/18 3:43 p.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 100

Wednesday, October 19, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Massimo Pacetti
and Charlie Penson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté,
and Mark Holland for Don H. Bell.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Sheena Starky, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

ACTRA (Calgary):

Duval Lang, President;
Jennifer Blaney, Branch Representative.

Calgary Opera :

Bob McPhee, General Director and Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers:

Craig Hansen, President and Chief Executive Officer, Zargon
Energy Trust;
Pierre R. Alvarez, President.

Edmonton Symphony Society:

Elaine Calder, Managing Director.

Duval Lang, Bob McPhee, Craig Hansen and Elaine Calder made statements and, with
Pierre R. Alvarez, answered questions.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 100

Wednesday, October 19, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 8:36 a.m. this day, at the Fairmont Pallister, Crystal Ballroom, Calgary, Alberta, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Massimo Pacetti and Charlie Penson.

Acting Members present: Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté and Mark Holland for Don H. Bell.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Sheena Starky, Analyst.

Witnesses: ACTRA (Calgary): Duval Lang, President; Jennifer Blaney, Branch Representative. *Calgary Opera :* Bob McPhee, General Manager and Chief Executive Officer. *Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers:* Craig Hansen, President and Chief Executive Officer, Zargon Energy Trust; Pierre R. Alvarez, President. *Edmonton Symphony Society:* Elaine Calder, Managing Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Duval Lang, Bob McPhee, Craig Hansen and Elaine Calder made statements and, with Pierre R. Alvarez, answered questions.

At 10:06 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee

2005/10/20 8:33 a.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 101

Wednesday, October 19, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose
Massimo Pacetti
Charlie Penson

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté
Mark Holland for Don H. Bell

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Sheena Starky, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Alberta Real Estate Association:

Janet Poyen, Director, Government and Industry Relations.

Alberta Urban Municipalities Association:

Bob Hawkesworth, President.

Canadian Community Economic Development Network:

Rupert Downing, Executive Director;

Hazel Corcoran, Executive Director, Canadian Worker
Cooperative Federation.

Edmonton Joint Planning Committee on Housing:

Susan McGee, Executive Director.

Tax Executives Institute, Inc.:

Monika Siegmund, Vice-President, Canadian Affairs;

Vincent Alicandri, Treasurer.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee



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Meeting No. 101

Wednesday, October 19, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 10:18 a.m. this day, at the Fairmont Pallister, Crystal Ballroom, Calgary, Alberta, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Massimo Pacetti and Charlie Penson.

Acting Members present: Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté and Mark Holland for Don H. Bell.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Sheena Starky, Analyst.

Witnesses: Alberta Real Estate Association: Janet Poyen, Director, Government and Industry Relations. *Alberta Urban Municipalities Association:* Bob Hawkesworth, President. *Canadian Community Economic Development Network:* Rupert Downing, Executive Director; Hazel Corcoran, Executive Director, Canadian Worker Cooperative Federation. *Edmonton Joint Planning Committee on Housing:* Susan McGee, Executive Director. *Tax Executives Institute, Inc.:* Monika Siegmund, Vice-President, Canadian Affairs; Vincent Alicandri, Treasurer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Janet Poyen, Bob Hawkesworth, Rupert Downing, Susan McGee and Monica Siegmund made statements and answered questions.

At 11:33 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti. Lib.

Meeting No. 102

Wednesday, October 19, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Massimo Pacetti
and Charlie Penson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté,
and Mark Holland for Don H. Bell.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Sheena Starky, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Alberta Association of Colleges and Technical Institutes:
Doug MacRae, Executive Director;
Sam Shaw, President, Northern Alberta Institute of Technology.

Graduate Students' Association of Canada:
Jeremy E. Shragge, Chairman.

As an Individual:
Beverley Smith.

The Alliance of Sector Councils:
Cheryl Knight, Member, Board of Director.

Canadian Energy Pipeline Association:
David MacInnis, President.

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Meeting No. 102

Wednesday, October 19, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 11:46 a.m. this day, at the Fairmont Pallister, Crystal Ballroom, Calgary, Alberta, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Massimo Pacetti and Charlie Penson.

Acting Members present: Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté and Mark Holland for Don H. Bell.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Sheena Starky, Analyst.

Witnesses: Alberta Association of Colleges and Technical Institutes: Doug MacRae, Executive Director; Sam Shaw, President, Northern Alberta Institute of Technology. *Graduate Students' Association of Canada:* Jeremy E. Shragge, Chairman. *As an Individual:* Beverley Smith. *The Alliance of Sector Councils:* Cheryl Knight, Member, Board of Director. *Canadian Energy Pipeline Association:* David MacInnis, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Doug MacRae, Sam Shaw, Jeremy E. Shragge, Beverly Smith, Cheryl Knight and David MacInnis made statements and answered questions.

At 1:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 103

Wednesday, October 19, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose
Massimo Pacetti
Charlie Penson

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Bouchard for Don H. Bell
Mark Holland for Don H. Bell

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Sheena Starky, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Calgary Chamber of Voluntary Organizations:

Janet Lavoie, Director, Membership Development;
Pat Letizia, Chair, Board of Directors.

Calgary Zoological Society:

Alex Graham, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Cause Canada:

Paul Carrick, Founder.

Clean Air Renewable Energy Coalition:

Mark S. Rudolph, Coordinator;
John Keating, Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Hydro
Developers.

Janet Lavoie, Alex Graham, Paul Carrick and Mark S. Rudolph made statements and, with Pat Letizia and John Keating, answered questions.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 103

Wednesday, October 19, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 2:05 p.m. this day, at the Fairmont Pallister, Crystal Ballroom, Calgary, Alberta, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Massimo Pacetti and Charlie Penson.

Acting Members present: Robert Bouchard for Don H. Bell and Mark Holland for Don H. Bell.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Sheena Starky, Analyst.

Witnesses: Calgary Chamber of Voluntary Organizations: Janet Lavoie, Director, Membership Development; Pat Letizia, Chair, Board of Directors. *Calgary Zoological Society:* Alex Graham, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Cause Canada:* Paul Carrick, Founder. *Clean Air Renewable Energy Coalition:* Mark S. Rudolph, Coordinator; John Keating, Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Hydro Developers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Janet Lavoie, Alex Graham, Paul Carrick and Mark S. Rudolph made statements and, with Pat Letizia and John Keating, answered questions.

At 3:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 104

Thursday, October 20, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Massimo Pacetti,
Charlie Penson
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté,
Mark Holland for Don H. Bell,
and Lynne Yelich for Rona Ambrose.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Sheena Starky, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

ACTRA (Saskatchewan):
Sean Hoy, President.

Saskatoon Symphony Orchestra:

Douglas Sanford, Artistic Director and Conductor.

Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities:

Dave Marit, Vice-President;

Arita McPherson, Director, Agriculture Policy.

Saskatchewan Real Estate Association:

Bill Madder, Executive Vice-President.

Saskatoon Prairieland Park Corporation:

Mark Regier, Chief Executive Officer.

Sean Hoy, Douglas Sanford, Dave Marit, Bill Madder and Mark Regier made statements and, with Arita McPherson, answered questions.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 104

Thursday, October 20, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 9:03 a.m. this day, at the Delta Bessborough, Battleford Room, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Massimo Pacetti, Charlie Penson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté, Mark Holland for Don H. Bell and Lynne Yelich for Rona Ambrose.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Sheena Starky, Analyst.

Witnesses: ACTRA (Saskatchewan): Sean Hoy, President. *Saskatoon Symphony Orchestra:* Douglas Sanford, Artistic Director and Conductor. *Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities:* Dave Marit, Vice-President; Arita McPherson, Director, Agriculture Policy. *Saskatchewan Real Estate Association :* Bill Madder, Executive Vice-President. *Saskatoon Prairieland Park Corporation:* Mark Regier, Chief Executive Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Sean Hoy, Douglas Sanford, Dave Marit, Bill Madder and Mark Regier made statements and, with Arita McPherson, answered questions.

At 10:27 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee

2005/10/21 8:35 a.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 105

Thursday, October 20, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Massimo Pacetti,
Charlie Penson
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté,
Mark Holland for Don H. Bell,
and Lynne Yelich for Rona Ambrose.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Sheena Starky, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Association of Saskatchewan Regional Colleges:
Brenda Machin, Executive Director.

Northern Alberta Institute of Technology:
W.A. (Sam) Shaw, President;
David Janzen, Vice-President, Finance and Administration.

Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology:
Robert McCulloch, President and Chief Executive Officer;
Glenys Hanson, Director , Institutional Affairs.

University of Saskatchewan Students' Union:
Gavin Gardiner, President;
Michael Kowalsky, Vice-President .

Canadian Fertilizer Institute:
Dennis Terry, Chief Executive Financial Officer;
Al Mulhall, Director, Market Research, PotashCorp.

Hemophilia Saskatchewan:
Faye Katzman, Representative;
Don Ewles, Regional Co-ordinator.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 105

Thursday, October 20, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 10:38 a.m. this day, at the Delta Bessborough, Battleford Room, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Massimo Pacetti, Charlie Penson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté, Mark Holland for Don H. Bell and Lynne Yelich for Rona Ambrose.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Sheena Starky, Analyst.

Witnesses: Association of Saskatchewan Regional Colleges: Brenda Machin, Executive Director. *Northern Alberta Institute of Technology:* W.A. (Sam) Shaw, President; David Janzen, Vice-President, Finance and Administration. *Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology:* Robert McCulloch, President and Chief Executive Officer; Glenys Hanson, Director, Institutional Affairs. *University of Saskatchewan Students' Union:* Gavin Gardiner, President; Michael Kowalsky, Vice-President. *Canadian Fertilizer Institute:* Dennis Terry, Chief Executive Financial Officer; Al Mulhall, Director, Market Research, PotashCorp. *Hemophilia Saskatchewan:* Faye Katzman, Representative; Don Ewles, Regional Co-ordinator.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Brenda Machin, W.A. (Sam) Shaw, Robert McCulloch, Glenys Hanson, Gavin Gardiner, Dennis Terry and Faye Katzman made statements and answered questions.

At 12:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee

2005/10/21 8:59 a.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 106

Thursday, October 20, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Massimo Pacetti,
Charlie Penson
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté,
Mark Holland for Don H. Bell,
and Lynne Yelich for Rona Ambrose.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Sheena Starky, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan:

Terry Hildebrandt, President;
Cecilia Oliver, Vice-President.

KAIROS Anti-Poverty Network:

Tony Haynes, Secretary-Treasurer.

REAL Women of Canada:

Cecilia Forsyth, Western Vice-President.

Street Culture Kidz:

Kim Sutherland, Front Line Worker and Executive Director;
David Cowan, Assistant Director .

Canadian Dehydrators Association:

Dale Pulkinen, President;
Jim Boxall, President, Tisdale Alfalfa Dehy Ltd.

As an Individual:

Lyle Zdunich, Chartered Accountant, Partner, Hergott Duval Stack
& Partners LLP.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 106

Thursday, October 20, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 1:08 p.m. this day, at the Delta Bessborough, Battleford Room, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Massimo Pacetti, Charlie Penson and Judy Wasylcyia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté, Mark Holland for Don H. Bell and Lynne Yelich for Rona Ambrose.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Sheena Starky, Analyst.

Witnesses: Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan: Terry Hildebrandt, President; Cecilia Oliver, Vice-President. *KAIROS Anti-Poverty Network:* Tony Haynes, Secretary-Treasurer. *REAL Women of Canada:* Cecilia Forsyth, Western Vice-President. *Street Culture Kidz:* Kim Sutherland, Front Line Worker and Executive Director; David Cowan, Assistant Director. *Canadian Dehydrators Association:* Dale Pulkinen, President; Jim Boxall, President, Tisdale Alfalfa Dehy Ltd. *As an Individual:* Lyle Zdunich, Chartered Accountant, Partner, Hergott Duval Stack & Partners LLP.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Terry Hildebrandt, Tony Haynes, Cecilia Forsyth, Kim Sutherland, David Cowan, Dale Pulkinen, Jim Boxall and Lyle Zdunich made statements and answered questions.

At 2:43 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee

2005/10/21 10:24 a.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti. Lib.

Meeting No. 107

Friday, October 21, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Massimo Pacetti
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté,
Steven John Fletcher for Charlie Penson,
Mark Holland for Don H. Bell,
and Joy Smith for Rona Ambrose.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Sheena Starky, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators:
Suzanne Brunette, President;
Judy Dyck, Past President.

Canadian Federation of Students - Manitoba Component:

Mathew Gagné, Provincial Chairperson;
Amanda Aziz, Manitoba National Executive Representative.

Manitoba Association of School Trustees:

Ruth Ann Furgala, President;
Carolyn Duhamel, Executive Director.

ACTRA (Manitoba):

Sharon Bajer, President.

Manitoba Opera:

Larry Desrochers, General Director and CEO.

Magazines Canada:

Mark Jamison, Chief Executive Officer;
Michelle Kuly, Acting President.

Canadian Booksellers Association:

Paul McNally, President.

Suzanne Brunette, Mathew Gagné, Amanda Aziz, Ruth Ann Furgala, Sharon Bajer, Larry Desrochers, Mark Jamison, Michelle Kuly and Paul McNally made statements and, with Judy Dyck and Carolyn Duhamel, answered questions.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 107

Friday, October 21, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 8:34 a.m. this day, at the Winnipeg Convention Centre, Pan Am Room, Winnipeg, Manitoba, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Massimo Pacetti and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté, Steven John Fletcher for Charlie Penson, Mark Holland for Don H. Bell and Joy Smith for Rona Ambrose.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Sheena Starky, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators: Suzanne Brunette, President; Judy Dyck, Past President. *Canadian Federation of Students - Manitoba Component:* Mathew Gagné, Provincial Chairperson; Amanda Aziz, Manitoba National Executive Representative. *Manitoba Association of School Trustees:* Ruth Ann Furgala, President; Carolyn Duhamel, Executive Director. *ACTRA (Manitoba):* Sharon Bajer, President. *Manitoba Opera:* Larry Desrochers, General Director and CEO. *Magazines Canada:* Mark Jamison, Chief Executive Officer; Michelle Kuly, Acting President. *Canadian Booksellers Association:* Paul McNally, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Suzanne Brunette, Mathew Gagné, Amanda Aziz, Ruth Ann Furgala, Sharon Bajer, Larry Desrochers, Mark Jamison, Michelle Kuly and Paul McNally made statements and, with Judy Dyck and Carolyn Duhamel, answered questions.

At 10:06 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee

2005/10/21 4:42 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 108

Friday, October 21, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Massimo Pacetti
Judy Wasylycia-Leis

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté
Steven John Fletcher for Charlie Penson
Mark Holland for Don H. Bell
Joy Smith for Rona Ambrose

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal
Sheena Starky, Analyst

WITNESSES:

University of Winnipeg:

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy, President

Centre for Aboriginal Human Resources Development Inc.:

Marileen McCormick, Executive Director

Rhonda McCorriston, Director, Aboriginal Peoples College

Chemawawin Cree Nation:

Clarence Easter


North End Community Renewal Corporation:

Nanette McKay, Executive Director

Swan Lake First Nation:

Robert Daniels

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Clerks of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 108

Friday, October 21, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 10:16 a.m. this day, at the Winnipeg Convention Centre, Pan Am Room, Winnipeg, Manitoba, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Massimo Pacetti and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté, Steven John Fletcher for Charlie Penson, Mark Holland for Don H. Bell and Joy Smith for Rona Ambrose.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Sheena Starky, Analyst.

Witnesses: University of Winnipeg: Hon. Lloyd Axworthy, President. *Centre for Aboriginal Human Resources Development Inc.:* Marileen McCormick, Executive Director; Rhonda McCorriston, Director, Aboriginal Peoples College. *Chemawawin Cree Nation:* Clarence Easter. *North End Community Renewal Corporation:* Nanette McKay, Executive Director. *Swan Lake First Nation:* Robert Daniels.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Lloyd Axworthy, Marileen McCormick, Rhonda McCorriston, Clarence Easter, Nanette McKay and Robert Daniels made statements and answered questions.

At 11:40 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee

2005/10/27 4:01 p.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 109

Friday, October 21, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Massimo Pacetti
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté,
Steven John Fletcher for Charlie Penson,
Mark Holland for Don H. Bell,
and Joy Smith for Rona Ambrose.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Sheena Starky, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Wheat Board:
Ken Ritter, Chair, Board of Directors;
Bill Toews, Director.

Council of Canadians with Disabilities:
Laurie Beachell, National Coordinator.

Manitoba Centre for Health Policy and Evaluation:
Patricia J. Martens, Director.

Canadian Drug Policy Development Coalition:
Noralou Roos, Director.

Prairie Women's Health Centre of Excellence:
Margaret Haworth-Brockman, Executive Director.

Association of Manitoba Municipalities:
Ron Bell, President;
Joe Masi, Executive Director.

Manitoba Schizophrenia Society - Lifelinks:
Chris Summerville, Executive Director;
Verne McComas, Programs Coordinator.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 109

Friday, October 21, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 11:47 a.m. this day, at the Winnipeg Convention Centre, Pan Am Room, Winnipeg, Manitoba, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Massimo Pacetti and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Robert Bouchard for Guy Côté, Steven John Fletcher for Charlie Penson, Mark Holland for Don H. Bell and Joy Smith for Rona Ambrose.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Sheena Starky, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Wheat Board: Ken Ritter, Chair, Board of Directors; Bill Toews, Director. *Council of Canadians with Disabilities:* Laurie Beachell, National Coordinator. *Manitoba Centre for Health Policy and Evaluation:* Patricia J. Martens, Director. *Canadian Drug Policy Development Coalition:* Noralou Roos, Director. *Prairie Women's Health Centre of Excellence:* Margaret Haworth-Brockman, Executive Director. *Association of Manitoba Municipalities:* Ron Bell, President; Joe Masi, Executive Director. *Manitoba Schizophrenia Society - Lifelinks:* Chris Summerville, Executive Director; Verne McComas, Programs Coordinator.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Ken Ritter, Bill Toews, Laurie Beachell, Patricia J. Martens, Noralou Roos, Margaret Haworth-Brockman, Ron Bell, Chris Summerville and Verne McComas made statements and answered questions.

At 1:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 110

Friday, October 21, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steven John Fletcher for Charlie Penson,
and Joy Smith for Rona Ambrose.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Sheena Starky, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Voluntary and Non-Profit Sector Organization of Manitoba:
Martin Itzkow, Member, Steering Committee.

Association for Community Living - Manitoba:
Dale H. Kendel, Executive Director.

Manitoba Child Care Association:

Karen Ohlson, President;
Pat Wege, Executive Director.

Social Planning Council of Winnipeg:

Sid Frankel, Member, Board of Directors.

Keystone Agricultural Producers:

David Rolfe, President.

University of Manitoba:

Emőke J.E. Szathmáry, President and Vice Chancellor;
Joanne Keselman, Vice President Research.

Martin Itzkow, Dale H. Kendel, Karen Ohlson, Sid Frankel, David Rolfe and Eموke J.E. Szathmary made statements and, with Pat Wege, answered questions.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 110

Friday, October 21, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 2:05 p.m. this day, at the Winnipeg Convention Centre, Pan Am Room, Winnipeg, Manitoba, the Acting Chair, Judy Wasylycia-Leis, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Steven John Fletcher for Charlie Penson and Joy Smith for Rona Ambrose.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Sheena Starky, Analyst.

Witnesses: Voluntary and Non-Profit Sector Organization of Manitoba: Martin Itzkow, Member, Steering Committee. *Association for Community Living - Manitoba:* Dale H. Kendel, Executive Director. *Manitoba Child Care Association:* Karen Ohlson, President; Pat Wege, Executive Director. *Social Planning Council of Winnipeg:* Sid Frankel, Member, Board of Directors. *Keystone Agricultural Producers:* David Rolfe, President. *University of Manitoba:* Emőke J.E. Szathmáry, President and Vice Chancellor; Joanne Keselman, Vice President Research.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Martin Itzkow, Dale H. Kendel, Karen Ohlson, Sid Frankel, David Rolfe and Emoke J.E. Szathmary made statements and, with Pat Wege, answered questions.

At 3:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee

2005/10/24 2:44 p.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 111

Monday, October 24, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Françoise Boivin,
Mark Holland,
Yvan Loubier,
Hon. John McKay,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Brian Pallister,
Charlie Penson,
Monte Solberg
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Odina Desrochers for Robert Bouchard,
and Gary Lunn for Rona Ambrose.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 111

Monday, October 24, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 10:52 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: Françoise Boivin, Mark Holland, Yvan Loubier, Hon. John McKay, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Odina Desrochers for Robert Bouchard and Gary Lunn for Rona Ambrose.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Françoise Boivin, it was agreed, — That Massimo Pacetti be elected Chair of the Committee.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Vice-Chairs.

On motion of Monte Solberg, it was agreed, — That Charlie Penson be elected first Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Odina Desrochers, it was agreed, — That Yvan Loubier be elected second Vice-Chair of the Committee.

At 10:55 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee

2005/10/24 2:47 p.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 112

Monday, October 24, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on Federal Fiscal Forecasting.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Françoise Boivin,
Mark Holland,
Hon. John McKay,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Brian Pallister,
Charlie Penson,
Monte Solberg
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Odina Desrochers for Robert Bouchard,
Gary Lunn for Rona Ambrose,
and Pierre A. Paquette for Yvan Loubier.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives:

Ellen Russell, Economist;
Mathieu Dufour, Economist.

Conference Board of Canada:

Paul Darby, Deputy Chief Economist;
Yves Ste Maurice, Principal Research Associate, Economic
Services;
Matthew Stewart, Senior Economist.

Global Insight Inc.:

Dale Orr, Managing Director, Canadian Macroeconomic Services

As Individuals:

Prof. François Vaillancourt, Professor;
Fabio Bojorquez, Assistant.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 112

Monday, October 24, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 11:03 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Françoise Boivin, Mark Holland, Hon. John McKay, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Odina Desrochers for Robert Bouchard, Gary Lunn for Rona Ambrose and Pierre A. Paquette for Yvan Loubier.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives: Ellen Russell, Economist; Mathieu Dufour, Economist. *Conference Board of Canada:* Paul Darby, Deputy Chief Economist; Yves Ste Maurice, Principal Research Associate, Economic Services; Matthew Stewart, Senior Economist. *Global Insight Inc.:* Dale Orr, Managing Director, Canadian Macroeconomic Services, Global Insight Inc. *As Individuals:* Prof. François Vaillancourt, Professor; Fabio Bojorquez, Assistant.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Federal Fiscal Forecasting.

Ellen Russell, Paul Darby, Dale Orr and François Vaillancourt made statements and answered questions.

At 1:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

2005/10/25 10:55 a.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 113

Monday, October 24, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Françoise Boivin,
Mark Holland,
Hon. John McKay,
Massimo Pacetti,
Brian Pallister,
Charlie Penson,
Monte Solberg
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Odina Desrochers for Robert Bouchard.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Sheena Starky, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Conference of Defence Associations:

Richard J. Evraire, Lieutenant-general retired;
Howard Marsh, Senior Defence Analyst.

Canadian Medical Association:

Ruth Collins-Nakai, President;
William Tholl, Secretary General and Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Public Health Association:

Elinor Wilson, Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Coalition for Public Health in the 21st Century:

Gordon Dittberner, Senior Advisor, Veterinary Affairs, Canadian
Veterinary Medical Association.

Canadian Real Estate Association:

Pierre Beauchamp, Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Urban Transit Association:

Michael W. Roschlau, President and Chief Executive Officer ;
Robert Olivier, Chair, Executive Director, Planning and Operating
Support, Société de transport de Montréal.

Credit Union Central of Canada:

Joanne De Laurentiis, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Richard J. Evraire, Ruth Collins-Nakai, Elinor Wilson, Gordon Dittberner, Pierre
Beauchamp, Michael W. Roschlau, Robert Olivier and Joanne De Laurentiis made
statements and, with Howard Marsh, answered questions.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 113

Monday, October 24, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Françoise Boivin, Mark Holland, Hon. John McKay, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Odina Desrochers for Robert Bouchard.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Sheena Starky, Analyst.

Witnesses: Conference of Defence Associations: Richard J. Evraire, Lieutenant-general retired; Howard Marsh, Senior Defence Analyst. *Canadian Medical Association:* Ruth Collins-Nakai, President; William Tholl, Secretary General and Chief Executive Officer. *Canadian Public Health Association:* Elinor Wilson, Chief Executive Officer. *Canadian Coalition for Public Health in the 21st Century:* Gordon Dittberner, Senior Advisor, Veterinary Affairs, Canadian Veterinary Medical Association. *Canadian Real Estate Association:* Pierre Beauchamp, Chief Executive Officer. *Canadian Urban Transit Association:* Michael W. Roschlau, President and Chief Executive Officer; Robert Olivier, Chair, Executive Director, Planning and Operating Support, Société de transport de Montréal. *Credit Union Central of Canada:* Joanne De Laurentiis, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Richard J. Evraire, Ruth Collins-Nakai, Elinor Wilson, Gordon Dittberner, Pierre Beauchamp, Michael W. Roschlau, Robert Olivier and Joanne De Laurentiis made statements and, with Howard Marsh, answered questions.

At 5:06 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee

2005/10/25 1:33 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 114

Monday, October 24, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Françoise Boivin,
Mark Holland,
Hon. John McKay,
Massimo Pacetti,
Charlie Penson,
Monte Solberg
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Odina Desrochers for Robert Bouchard.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Sheena Starky, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Multiple Formats Industry Association:

Sharlyn Ayotte, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs;
Jacques Côté, Associate President.

Teamsters Canada:

Phil Benson, Lobbyist;
François Laporte, Assistant to the President.

Canadian Federation for Promoting Family Values:

Michael Gorman, Founder.

Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada:

Michael Helewa, President;
André Lalonde, Executive Vice-President.

Canadian Council of Professional Engineers:

Marie Lemay, Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Dental Hygienists Association:

Susan A. Ziebarth, Executive Director.

Toronto General & Western Hospital Foundation:

Donald K. Johnson, Director.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 114

Monday, October 24, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 5:19 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Françoise Boivin, Mark Holland, Hon. John McKay, Massimo Pacetti, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Odina Desrochers for Robert Bouchard.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Sheena Starky, Analyst.

Witnesses: Multiple Format Industry Association: Sharlyn Ayotte, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs. *Teamsters Canada:* Phil Benson, Lobbyist. *Multiple Format Industry Association:* Jacques Côté, Associate President. *Canadian Federation for Promoting Family Values:* Michael Gorman, Founder. *Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada:* Michael Helewa, President; André Lalonde, Executive Vice-President. *Teamsters Canada:* François Laporte, Assistant to the President. *Canadian Council of Professional Engineers:* Marie Lemay, Chief Executive Officer. *Canadian Dental Hygienists Association:* Susan A. Ziebarth, Executive Director. *Toronto General & Western Hospital Foundation:* Donald K. Johnson, Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Marie Lemay, Susan A. Ziebarth, Michael Gorman, Sharlyn Ayotte, Jacques Côté, Phil Benson, Michael Helewa, André Lalonde and Donald K. Johnson made statements and answered questions.

At 6:44 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee

2005/10/27 3:59 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 115

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Françoise Boivin,
Robert Bouchard,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Brian Pallister,
Charlie Penson
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Boshcoff for Hon. John McKay,
and Gary Lunn for Rona Ambrose.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Business Tax Reform Coalition:

David F. Podruzny, Senior Manager, Business and Economics,
Canadian Chemical Producers' Association;
Barry Lacombe, President, Canadian Steel Producers' Association.

Canadian Bankers Association:

Kelly Shaughnessy, Vice-President, Banking Operations;
Bradley Rowse, President, Taxation Specialist Group, Senior Vice-
President, Taxation, The Bank of Nova Scotia.

Canadian Taxpayers Federation:

John Williamson, Federal Director.

Conseil canadien de la coopération:

Michel Rouleau, President.

Certified General Accountants Association of Canada:

Everett E. Colby, Chair, Tax and Fiscal Policy Committee;
Carole Presseault, Vice-President, Government and Regulatory
Affairs.

Road and Infrastructure Program Canada:

Jeff Morrison, Executive Director.

Society of Management Accountants of Canada:

Steve F. Vieweg, President and Chief Executive Officer;
Michael Tinkler, Vice-Chair.

David F. Podruzny, Kelly Shaughnessy, John Williamson, Michel Rouleau, Everett E. Colby, Jeff Morrison, Steve F. Vieweg and Michael Tinkler made statements and, with Barry Lacombe and Bradley Rowse, answered questions.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee

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Meeting No. 115

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 9:43 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Françoise Boivin, Robert Bouchard, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Ken Boshcoff for Hon. John McKay and Gary Lunn for Rona Ambrose.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Business Tax Reform Coalition: David F. Podruzny, Senior Manager, Business and Economics, Canadian Chemical Producers' Association; Barry Lacombe, President, Canadian Steel Producers' Association. *Canadian Bankers Association:* Kelly Shaughnessy, Vice-President, Banking Operations; Bradley Rowse, President, Taxation Specialist Group, Senior Vice-President, Taxation, The Bank of Nova Scotia. *Canadian Taxpayers Federation:* John Williamson, Federal Director. *Conseil canadien de la coopération:* Michel Rouleau, President. *Certified General Accountants Association of Canada:* Everett E. Colby, Chair, Tax and Fiscal Policy Committee; Carole Presseault, Vice-President, Government and Regulatory Affairs. *Road and Infrastructure Program Canada:* Jeff Morrison, Executive Director. *Society of Management Accountants of Canada:* Steve F. Vieweg, President and Chief Executive Officer; Michael Tinkler, Vice-Chair.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

David F. Podruzny, Kelly Shaughnessy, John Williamson, Michel Rouleau, Everett E. Colby, Jeff Morrison, Steve F. Vieweg and Michael Tinkler made statements and, with Barry Lacombe and Bradley Rowse, answered questions.

At 11:12 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee

2005/10/25 3:06 p.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 116

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Françoise Boivin,
Robert Bouchard,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Charlie Penson
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Salvation Army:
Glen Shepherd, Colonel, Chief Secretary;
Mary Ellen Eberlin, Secretary, Territorial Social Services.

Campaign 2000:
Laurel Rothman, National Coordinator.

Canadian Teachers' Federation:

Harvey Weiner, Policy Advisor, Government and External Relations.

Coalition for Women's Equality:

Lise Martin, Executive Director, Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women;
Nancy Peckford, Program Director, Canadian Feminist Alliance for International Action;
Bonnie Diamond, Executive Director.

Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada:

René Daoust, President;
Christopher Wilson, Senior Public Relations Officer.

Polaris Institute:

Steven Staples, Director, Security Programs.

United Way of Canada:

Al Hatton, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Glen Shepherd, Laurel Rothman, Harvey Weiner, Lise Martin, Nancy Peckford, René Daoust, Steven Staples and Al Hatton made statements and, with Bonnie Diamond, answered questions.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee



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Meeting No. 116

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 11:21 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Françoise Boivin, Robert Bouchard, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Charlie Penson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Salvation Army: Glen Shepherd, Colonel, Chief Secretary; Mary Ellen Eberlin, Secretary, Territorial Social Services. *Campaign 2000:* Laurel Rothman, National Coordinator. *Canadian Teachers' Federation:* Harvey Weiner, Policy Advisor, Government and External Relations. *Coalition for Women's Equality:* Lise Martin, Executive Director, Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women; Nancy Peckford, Program Director, Canadian Feminist Alliance for International Action; Bonnie Diamond, Executive Director. *Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada:* René Daoust, President; Christopher Wilson, Senior Public Relations Officer. *Polaris Institute:* Steven Staples, Director, Security Programs. *United Way of Canada:* Al Hatton, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Glen Shepherd, Laurel Rothman, Harvey Weiner, Lise Martin, Nancy Peckford, René Daoust, Steven Staples and Al Hatton made statements and, with Bonnie Diamond, answered questions.

At 12:53 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee

2005/10/25 2:41 p.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 117

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of the Report of the Governor of the Bank of Canada on Monetary Policy.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Françoise Boivin,
Mark Holland,
Yvan Loubier,
Hon. John McKay,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Brian Pallister,
Charlie Penson,
Monte Solberg
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Guy Côté for Robert Bouchard,
and Pierre A. Paquette for Robert Bouchard.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;

Alexandre Laurin, Analyst;
Sheena Starky, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Bank of Canada:

David A. Dodge, Governor;
Paul Jenkins, Senior Deputy Governor.

David A. Dodge made a statement and, with Paul Jenkins, answered questions.

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Clerks of the Committee

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Meeting No. 117

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Françoise Boivin, Mark Holland, Yvan Loubier, Hon. John McKay, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Guy Côté for Robert Bouchard and Pierre A. Paquette for Robert Bouchard.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst; Sheena Starky, Analyst.

Witnesses: Bank of Canada: David A. Dodge, Governor; Paul Jenkins, Senior Deputy Governor.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the Report of the Governor of the Bank of Canada on Monetary Policy.

David A. Dodge made a statement and, with Paul Jenkins, answered questions.

At 5:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee

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Meeting No. 118

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Françoise Boivin,
Robert Bouchard,
Mark Holland,
Hon. John McKay,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Charlie Penson,
Monte Solberg
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Wajid Khan for Mark Holland,
and Lloyd St. Amand for Hon. John McKay.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Union of Public Employees:

Paul Moist, National President;

Toby Sanger, Senior Economist, National Services Department.

Canadian Cancer Society:

Jo Kennelly, Director, Scientific Advancement and Public Policy,
National Cancer Institute of Canada.

Canadian Diabetes Association:

Karen Philp, National Director, Public Policy and Government
Relations.

Canadian Institutes of Health Research:

Alan Bernstein, President.

Chronic Disease Prevention Alliance of Canada:

Jean Harvey, Interim Executive Director.

Health Charities Coalition of Canada:

Peter Hoult, Member, Steering Committee.

Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada:

Cleve Myers, Chair;

Sally Brown, Chief Executive Officer.

Paul Moist, Jo Kennelly, Karen Philp, Alan Bernstein, Jean Harvey, Peter Hoult and
Cleve Myers made statements and, with Toby Sanger, answered questions.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 118

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Françoise Boivin, Robert Bouchard, Mark Holland, Hon. John McKay, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Wajid Khan for Mark Holland and Lloyd St. Amand for Hon. John McKay.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Union of Public Employees: Paul Moist, National President; Toby Sanger, Senior Economist, National Services Department. *Canadian Cancer Society:* Jo Kennelly, Director, Scientific Advancement and Public Policy, National Cancer Institute of Canada. *Canadian Diabetes Association:* Karen Philp, National Director, Public Policy and Government Relations. *Canadian Institutes of Health Research:* Alan Bernstein, President. *Chronic Disease Prevention Alliance of Canada:* Jean Harvey, Interim Executive Director. *Health Charities Coalition of Canada:* Peter Hoult, Member, Steering Committee. *Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada:* Cleve Myers, Chair; Sally Brown, Chief Executive Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Paul Moist, Jo Kennelly, Karen Philp, Alan Bernstein, Jean Harvey, Peter Hoult and Cleve Myers made statements and, with Toby Sanger, answered questions.

At 5:18 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee

2005/10/27 2:45 p.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 119

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Robert Bouchard,
Mark Holland,
Hon. John McKay,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Charlie Penson
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Association of Consulting Engineers of Canada:
Claude Paul Boivin, President, National Office.

Canadian Electricity Association:
Hans R. Konow, President and Chief Executive Officer;
Eli Turk, Vice-President, Government Relations.

Canadian Professional Sales Association:

Terry Ruffell, President.

Cement Association of Canada:

François R. Lacroix, President;

Paul Ostrander, Senior Vice-President, Ontario, St. Lawrence
Cement Inc..

Canadian Association of Mutual Insurance Companies:

Normand Lafrenière, President.

Energy Innovation Network:

Michael Raymont, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee



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Meeting No. 119

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 5:24 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Robert Bouchard, Mark Holland, Hon. John McKay, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Charlie Penson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Association of Consulting Engineers of Canada: Claude Paul Boivin, President, National Office. *Canadian Electricity Association:* Hans R. Konow, President and Chief Executive Officer; Eli Turk, Vice-President, Government Relations. *Canadian Professional Sales Association:* Terry Ruffell, President. *Cement Association of Canada:* François R. Lacroix, President; Paul Ostrander, Senior Vice-President, Ontario, St. Lawrence Cement Inc.. *Canadian Association of Mutual Insurance Companies:* Normand Lafrenière, President. *Energy Innovation Network:* Michael Raymont, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

At 5:47 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 6:50 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Claude Paul Boivin, Hans R. Konow, Terry Ruffell, François P. Lacroix, Paul Ostrander, Normand Lafrenière and Michael Raymont made statements and answered questions.

At 7:43 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee

2005/10/27 2:45 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 120

Thursday, October 27, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Françoise Boivin,
Robert Bouchard,
Mark Holland,
Yvan Loubier,
Hon. John McKay,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Charlie Penson
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Nathan Cullen for Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst;
Sheena Starky, Analyst.

Standing Committee on Finance:
Richard Dupuis, Clerk of the Committee.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Housing and Renewal Association:
Sharon Chisholm, Executive Director.

Movement for Canadian Literacy:
Debbie Griffith, President;
Carey Rigby-Wilcox, Spokesperson, Learner Advisory Network.

National Council of Welfare:
John Murphy, Chair;
Laurie Kilpatrick, Acting Director, Strategic Management and
Services, Social Development Canada.

*National Organization of Immigrant and Visible Minority Women of
Canada:*
Anuradha Bose, Executive Director.

Statistics Canada:
John R. Baldwin, Director, Microeconomic Studies and Analysis.

Grape Growers of Ontario:
Debbie Zimmerman, Chief Executive Officer, Canadian
Horticultural Council.

Canadian Vintners Association:
Norman Beal, Chair, Board of Directors, Wine Council of Ontario.

Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti. Lib.

Meeting No. 121

Thursday, October 27, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Françoise Boivin,
Robert Bouchard,
Hon. John McKay,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Charlie Penson
and Monte Solberg.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Boshcoff for Hon. John McKay,
Nathan Cullen for Judy Wasylycia-Leis,
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert for Mark Holland.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Boshcoff,
Nathan Cullen
and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

BIOCAP Canada Foundation:
David Layzell, Chief Executive Officer and Research Director.

Canadian Foundation for Climate and Atmospheric Sciences:
Marion Lewis, Vice-Chair , Board of Trustees;
Tim Aston, Science Officer.

Canadian School Boards Association:
Gerri Gershon, President.

Canadian Wind Energy Association:
Sean Whittaker, Director, Policy.

David Suzuki Foundation:
Pierre Sadik, Campaigner, Sustainability Project.

Go for Green:
Johanne Lacombe, Executive Director;
Michael Haynes, Coordinator, Active Transportation.

Green Budget Coalition:
Julie Gelfand, Chair.

David Layzell, Marion Lewis, Gerri Gershon, Sean Whittaker, Pierre Sadik, Johanne Lacombe and Julie Gelfand made statements and, with Michael Haynes, answered questions.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee



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Meeting No. 121

Thursday, October 27, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 11:25 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Françoise Boivin, Robert Bouchard, Hon. John McKay, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Charlie Penson and Monte Solberg.

Acting Members present: Ken Boshcoff for Hon. John McKay, Nathan Cullen for Judy Wasylycia-Leis and Hon. Bryon Wilfert for Mark Holland.

Other Members present: Ken Boshcoff, Nathan Cullen and Hon. Bryon Wilfert.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Witnesses: BIOCAP Canada Foundation: David Layzell, Chief Executive Officer and Research Director. *Canadian Foundation for Climate and Atmospheric Sciences:* Marion Lewis, Vice-Chair, Board of Trustees; Tim Aston, Science Officer. *Canadian School Boards Association:* Gerri Gershon, President. *Canadian Wind Energy Association:* Sean Whittaker, Director, Policy. *David Suzuki Foundation:* Pierre Sadik, Campaigner, Sustainability Project. *Go for Green:* Johanne Lacombe, Executive Director; Michael Haynes, Coordinator, Active Transportation. *Green Budget Coalition:* Julie Gelfand, Chair.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

David Layzell, Marion Lewis, Gerri Gershon, Sean Whittaker, Pierre Sadik, Johanne Lacombe and Julie Gelfand made statements and, with Michael Haynes, answered questions.

At 12:54 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee

2005/10/27 3:38 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 122

Thursday, October 27, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Françoise Boivin,
Mark Holland,
Massimo Pacetti,
Charlie Penson
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Roger Clavet for Robert Bouchard,
and Odina Desrochers for Yvan Loubier.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Richard Dupuis, Committee Clerk.

WITNESSES:

Association of Canadian Community Colleges:

Gerald Brown, President.

Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada:

Claire Morris, President and Chief Executive Officer;
Bonnie Patterson, Chair, Board of Directors, President of Trent University.

Canada Foundation for Innovation:

Eliot A. Phillipson, President and Chief Executive Officer;
Carmen Charette, Senior Vice-President.

Coalition for Canadian Astronomy:

Michael Jolliffe, Co-Chair, Industry and Vice-President,
Government Relations and Communications, AMEC;
Gretchen Harris, Co-Chair, Canadian Astronomical Society and
Associate Professor, University of Waterloo.

Genome Canada:

Martin Godbout, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada:

Nigel Lloyd, Executive Vice-President and Chief Operating
Officer.

Ottawa Centre for Research and Innovation:

Jeffrey Dale, President and Chief Executive Officer;
Blair Patacairk, Director, Investment, Marketing, Media and
Government Relations.

Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 122

Thursday, October 27, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Françoise Boivin, Mark Holland, Massimo Pacetti, Charlie Penson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Roger Clavet for Robert Bouchard and Odina Desrochers for Yvan Loubier.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Richard Dupuis, Committee Clerk.

Witnesses: Association of Canadian Community Colleges: Gerald Brown, President. *Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada:* Claire Morris, President and Chief Executive Officer; Bonnie Patterson, Chair, Board of Directors, President of Trent University. *Canada Foundation for Innovation:* Eliot A. Phillipson, President and Chief Executive Officer; Carmen Charette, Senior Vice-President. *Coalition for Canadian Astronomy:* Michael Jolliffe, Co-Chair, Industry and Vice-President, Government Relations and Communications, AMEC; Gretchen Harris, Co-Chair, Canadian Astronomical Society and Associate Professor, University of Waterloo. *Genome Canada:* Martin Godbout, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada:* Nigel Lloyd, Executive Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer. *Ottawa Centre for Research and Innovation:* Jeffrey Dale, President and Chief Executive Officer; Blair Patacairk, Director, Investment, Marketing, Media and Government Relations.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Gerald Brown, Claire Morris, Bonnie Patterson, Eliot A. Phillipson, Michael Jolliffe, Gretchen Harris, Martin Godbout, Nigel Lloyd and Jeffrey Dale made statements and answered questions.

At 4:58 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/02 12:24 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 123

Thursday, October 27, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Charlie Penson
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Don H. Bell for Mark Holland,
Ken Boshcoff for Hon. Maria Minna,
Roger Clavet for Robert Bouchard,
Odina Desrochers for Yvan Loubier,
Susan Kadis for Françoise Boivin,
and Tony Martin for Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal.
House of Commons:
Richard Dupuis, Committee Clerk.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Association of Science Centres:
Tracy Ross, Executive Director.

Canadian Consortium for Research:
Paul Ledwell, Past Chair, Executive Director, Canadian Federation
for the Humanities and Social Sciences.

Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences:
Donald Fisher, President.

Canadian Lung Association:
Deirdre Freiheit, President and Chief Executive Officer;
Luc Lapointe, Director, Public Issues.

Information Technology Association of Canada:
Bernard A. Courtois, President and Chief Executive Officer.

National Pensioners and Senior Citizens Federation:
Arthur Kube, First Vice-President.

Partnership Group for Science and Engineering:
Simon Hanmer, Chair;
Ian Rutherford, Committee Member.

Centre for Science in the Public Interest:
Bill Jeffery, National Coordinator.

Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 123

Thursday, October 27, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 5:09 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Charlie Penson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Don H. Bell for Mark Holland, Ken Boshcoff for Hon. Maria Minna, Roger Clavet for Robert Bouchard, Odina Desrochers for Yvan Loubier, Susan Kadis for Françoise Boivin and Tony Martin for Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal.

Witnesses: Canadian Association of Science Centres: Tracy Ross, Executive Director. *Canadian Consortium for Research:* Paul Ledwell, Past Chair, Executive Director, Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences. *Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences:* Donald Fisher, President. *Canadian Lung Association:* Deirdre Freiheit, President and Chief Executive Officer; Luc Lapointe, Director, Public Issues. *Information Technology Association of Canada:* Bernard A. Courtois, President and Chief Executive Officer. *National Pensioners and Senior Citizens Federation:* Arthur Kube, First Vice-President. *Partnership Group for Science and Engineering:* Simon Hanmer, Chair; Ian Rutherford, Committee Member. *Centre for Science in the Public Interest:* Bill Jeffery, National Coordinator.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Tracy Ross, Paul Ledwell, Donald Fisher, Deirdre Freiheit, Bernard A. Courtois, Arthur A. Kube, Simon Hanmer and Bill Jeffery made statements and answered questions.

At 6:46 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis, Christine Lafrance
Clerks of the Committee

2005/10/28 1:27 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 124

Monday, October 31, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Yvan Loubier,
Massimo Pacetti
and Monte Solberg.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Yvon Godin for Judy Wasylycia-Leis,
Hon. Charles Hubbard for Hon. John McKay,
and Rob Moore for Brian Pallister.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

June Dewetering, Principal.

Standing Committee on Finance:

Christine Lafrance, Clerk of the Committee.

WITNESSES:

Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick:

Hon. Shawn Graham, Leader, Official Opposition.

Atlantic Provinces Community College Consortium:

Brian McMillan, President, Holland College;

Joan McArthur-Blair, President, Nova Scotia Community College.

Fédération culturelle canadienne-française:

René Cormier, President.

Halifax Regional Municipality:

Dan English, Acting Chief Administrative Officer.

Symphony Nova Scotia:

Mary Pat Mombourquette, Managing Director;

Susan Cargill, Director, Marketing and Development.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 124

Monday, October 31, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 8:37 a.m. this day, at the Delta Beauséjour, Ballroom B & C, Moncton, New Brunswick, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Yvan Loubier, Massimo Pacetti and Monte Solberg.

Acting Members present: Yvon Godin for Judy Wasylycia-Leis, Hon. Charles Hubbard for Hon. John McKay and Rob Moore for Brian Pallister.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal. *Standing Committee on Finance:* Christine Lafrance, Clerk of the Committee.

Witnesses: Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick: Hon. Shawn Graham, Leader, Official Opposition. *Atlantic Provinces Community College Consortium:* Brian McMillan, President, Holland College; Joan McArthur-Blair, President, Nova Scotia Community College. *Fédération culturelle canadienne-française:* René Cormier, President. *Halifax Regional Municipality:* Dan English, Acting Chief Administrative Officer. *Symphony Nova Scotia:* Mary Pat Mombourquette, Managing Director; Susan Cargill, Director, Marketing and Development.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Shawn Graham, Brian McMillan, Joan McArthur-Blair, René Cormier, Dan English and Mary Pat Mombourquette made statements and answered questions.

At 10:07 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/08 10:06 a.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 125

Monday, October 31, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Yvan Loubier,
Massimo Pacetti
and Monte Solberg.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Yvon Godin for Judy Wasylycia-Leis,
Hon. Charles Hubbard for Hon. John McKay,
and Rob Moore for Brian Pallister.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal.
Standing Committee on Finance:
Christine Lafrance, Clerk of the Committee.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing:
Patricia Griffin, Executive Director.

Justice and Solidarity Diocesan Team:
Aur  a Cormier, Coordinator.

Group of 12 for Social Justice:
Claude Snow, Spokesperson.

Front commun pour la justice sociale - Section de la P  ninsule acadienne:
Jean-Claude Basque;
Linda McClauslin, Joint President.

MacKillop Centre for Social Justice and P.E.I. Alternative Budget Coalition:
Mary Boyd, Representative.

PEI Fire Fighters Association / St. Peter Voluntary Fire Department:
David Edward Rossiter, Fire Chief;
Doug Hamer, Fire Chief, New Brunswick Association of Fire Chiefs.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 125

Monday, October 31, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 10:18 a.m. this day, at the Delta Beauséjour, Ballroom B & C, Moncton, New Brunswick, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Yvan Loubier, Massimo Pacetti and Monte Solberg.

Acting Members present: Yvon Godin for Judy Wasylycia-Leis, Hon. Charles Hubbard for Hon. John McKay and Rob Moore for Brian Pallister.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal. *Standing Committee on Finance:* Christine Lafrance, Clerk of the Committee.

Witnesses: Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing: Patricia Griffin, Executive Director. *Justice and Solidarity Diocesan Team:* Auréa Cormier, Coordinator. *Group of 12 for Social Justice:* Claude Snow, Spokesperson. *Front commun pour la justice sociale - Section de la Péninsule acadienne:* Jean-Claude Basque; Linda McClauslin, Joint President. *MacKillop Centre for Social Justice and P.E.I. Alternative Budget Coalition:* Mary Boyd, Representative. *PEI Fire Fighters Association / St. Peter Voluntary Fire Department:* David Edward Rossiter, Fire Chief; Doug Hamer, Fire Chief, New Brunswick Association of Fire Chiefs.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Patricia Griffin, Auréa Cormier, Claude Snow, Jean-Claude Basque, Linda McClauslin, Mary Boyd and David Edward Rossiter made statements and answered questions.

At 11:46 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/08 10:08 a.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 126

Monday, October 31, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Yvan Loubier,
Massimo Pacetti
and Monte Solberg.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Yvon Godin for Judy Wasylycia-Leis,
Hon. Charles Hubbard for Hon. John McKay,
and Rob Moore for Brian Pallister.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal.
Standing Committee on Finance:
Richard Dupuis, Clerk of the Committee.

WITNESSES:

National Anti-Poverty Organization:
Paulette Halupa, President, Board of Directors;

Dennis Howlett, Executive Director.

New Brunswick Advisory Council on the Status of Women:

Ginette Petitpas-Taylor, Chairperson;
Rosella Melanson, Executive Director.

Parents for Quality Care:

Jody Dallaire, Coordinator;
Manon Cormier-Viel, Group Founder.

Paulette Halupa, Dennis Howlett, Ginette Petitpas-Taylor, Jody Dallaire and Manon Cormier-Viel made statements and, with Rosella Melanson, answered questions.

Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 126

Monday, October 31, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 12:04 p.m. this day, at the Delta Beauséjour, Ballroom B & C, Moncton, New Brunswick, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Yvan Loubier, Massimo Pacetti and Monte Solberg.

Acting Members present: Yvon Godin for Judy Wasylycia-Leis, Hon. Charles Hubbard for Hon. John McKay and Rob Moore for Brian Pallister.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal. *Standing Committee on Finance:* Richard Dupuis, Clerk of the Committee.

Witnesses: National Anti-Poverty Organization: Paulette Halupa, President, Board of Directors; Dennis Howlett, Executive Director. *New Brunswick Advisory Council on the Status of Women:* Ginette Petitpas-Taylor, Chairperson; Rosella Melanson, Executive Director. *Parents for Quality Care:* Jody Dallaire, Coordinator; Manon Cormier-Viel, Group Founder.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Paulette Halupa, Dennis Howlett, Ginette Petitpas-Taylor, Jody Dallaire and Manon Cormier-Viel made statements and, with Rosella Melanson, answered questions.

At 1:07 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/08 10:09 a.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 127

Monday, October 31, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Yvan Loubier,
Massimo Pacetti
and Monte Solberg.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Yvon Godin for Judy Wasylycia-Leis,
Hon. Charles Hubbard for Hon. John McKay,
and Rob Moore for Brian Pallister.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal.
Standing Committee on Finance:
Richard Dupuis, Clerk of the Committee.

WITNESSES:

Association of Nova Scotia University Teachers:
Bernie Davis, President.

Atlantic Road Builders' Association:
Joe Murphy, Secretary and Manager, PEI Road Builders and
Heavy Construction Association;
Lloyd Giggie, Executive Director.

Canadian Federation of Students - Nova Scotia Component:
Danielle Sampson, National Executive Representative.

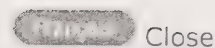
Financial Executives International Canada:
Barry Gorman, Chair, Tax Committee.

New Brunswick Real Estate Association:
Larry Estabrooks, Past President;
Hodges Hamm, President.

Nova Scotia Government and General Employees Union:
Ken Clare, Post-Secondary Occupational Council;
Ian Johnson, Policy Analyst Researcher.

Bernie Davis, Joe Murphy, Lloyd Giggie, Danielle Sampson, Barry Gorman, Larry Estabrooks, Hodges Hamm and Ken Clare made statements and, with Ian Johnson, answered questions.

Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 127

Monday, October 31, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 2:05 p.m. this day, at the Delta Beauséjour, Ballroom B & C, Moncton, New Brunswick, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Yvan Loubier, Massimo Pacetti and Monte Solberg.

Acting Members present: Yvon Godin for Judy Wasylycia-Leis, Hon. Charles Hubbard for Hon. John McKay and Rob Moore for Brian Pallister.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal. *Standing Committee on Finance:* Richard Dupuis, Clerk of the Committee.

Witnesses: Association of Nova Scotia University Teachers: Bernie Davis, President. *Atlantic Road Builders' Association:* Joe Murphy, Secretary and Manager, PEI Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association; Lloyd Giggie, Executive Director. *Canadian Federation of Students - Nova Scotia Component:* Danielle Sampson, National Executive Representative. *Financial Executives International Canada:* Barry Gorman, Chair, Tax Committee. *New Brunswick Real Estate Association:* Larry Estabrooks, Past President; Hodges Hamm, President. *Nova Scotia Government and General Employees Union:* Ken Clare, Post-Secondary Occupational Council; Ian Johnson, Policy Analyst Researcher.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Bernie Davis, Joe Murphy, Lloyd Giggie, Danielle Sampson, Barry Gorman, Larry Estabrooks, Hodges Hamm and Ken Clare made statements and, with Ian Johnson, answered questions.

At 3:37 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/08 10:19 a.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 128

Tuesday, November 1, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Robert Bouchard
Mark Holland
Yvan Loubier
Massimo Pacetti
Monte Solberg

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Jim Prentice for Brian Pallister

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Standing Committee on Finance:

Christine Lafrance, Clerk of the Committee.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 128

Tuesday, November 1, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 8:40 a.m. this day, Delta Centre-Ville, Regence C, Montreal, Quebec, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Robert Bouchard, Mark Holland, Yvan Loubier, Massimo Pacetti and Monte Solberg.

Acting Members present: Jim Prentice for Brian Pallister.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst. *Standing Committee on Finance:* Christine Lafrance, Clerk of the Committee.

Witnesses: National Council for Graduate Studies: Philippe-Olivier Giroux, President, Quebec Federation of University Students; Fanny Magini, Executive Director, Quebec Federation of University Students. *Coalition pour le renouvellement des infrastructures du Québec:* Gilles Vaillancourt, President, Mayor, City of Laval; Marc Couture, President, Technical Committee. *Desjardins Group:* Louis Roquet, President and Chief Operating Officer, Desjardins Venture Capital; Bernard Paradis, Advisor to the President, Desjardins Venture Capital. *Union des producteurs agricoles du Québec:* Laurent Pellerin, General President, Agriculture; Serge Lebeau, Senior International Trade Manager, Agriculture; Marc Saint-Roch, Director, Accounting and Taxation Department, Agriculture. *University of Montréal:* Luc Vinet, Rector; Alexandre Chabot, Assistant Vice-Rector and Chief of Staff.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Philippe-Olivier Giroux, Gilles Vaillancourt, Louis Roquet, Laurent Pellerin, Serge Lebeau and Luc Vinet made statements and answered questions.

At 10:08 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/08 10:21 a.m.

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WITNESSES:

National Council for Graduate Studies:

Philippe-Olivier Giroux, President, Quebec Federation of University Students;
Fanny Magini, Executive Director, Quebec Federation of University Students.

Coalition pour le renouvellement des infrastructures du Québec:

Gilles Vaillancourt, President, Mayor, City of Laval;
Marc Couture, President, Technical Committee.

Desjardins Group:

Louis Roquet, President and Chief Operating Officer, Desjardins Venture Capital;
Bernard Paradis, Advisor to the President, Desjardins Venture Capital.

Union des producteurs agricoles du Québec:

Laurent Pellerin, General President, Agriculture;
Serge Lebeau, Senior International Trade Manager, Agriculture;
Marc Saint-Roch, Director, Accounting and Taxation Department, Agriculture.

University of Montréal:

Luc Vinet, Rector;
Alexandre Chabot, Assistant Vice-Rector and Chief of Staff.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 129

Tuesday, November 1, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Robert Bouchard,
Mark Holland,
Yvan Loubier,
Massimo Pacetti
and Monte Solberg.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jim Prentice for Brian Pallister.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Standing Committee on Finance:

Christine Lafrance, Clerk of the Committee.

WITNESSES:

ACTRA (Montreal):

Matt Holland, President;
Dawn Ford, Councillor, Montreal.

Association des producteurs de films et de télévision du Québec:

Vincent Leduc, Vice-President, Television;
Jacquelin Bouchard, Chair, Administrative Council.

Association nationale des éditeurs de livres:

Gaston Bellemare, President;
Daniel Desjardins, Vice-President.

Canadian Hemophilia Society:

Stéphane Bordeleau, Executive Director.

Independent Media Arts Alliance:

Jennifer Dörner, National Director;
Linda Norstrom, President.

Réseau Solidarité Itinérance du Québec:

Nathalie Rech, Coordinator;
Pierre Gaudreau, President.

SCO Health Services:

Larry W. Chambers, President, Élisabeth Bruyère Research
Institute.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 129

Tuesday, November 1, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 10:16 a.m. this day, at the Delta Centre-Ville, Regence C, Montreal, Quebec, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Robert Bouchard, Mark Holland, Yvan Loubier, Massimo Pacetti and Monte Solberg.

Acting Members present: Jim Prentice for Brian Pallister.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst. *Standing Committee on Finance:* Christine Lafrance, Clerk of the Committee.

Witnesses: ACTRA (Montreal): Matt Holland, President; Dawn Ford, Councillor, Montreal. *Association des producteurs de films et de télévision du Québec:* Vincent Leduc, Vice-President, Television; Jacquelin Bouchard, Chair, Administrative Council. *Association nationale des éditeurs de livres:* Gaston Bellemare, President; Daniel Desjardins, Vice-President. *Canadian Hemophilia Society:* Stéphane Bordeleau, Executive Director. *Independent Media Arts Alliance:* Jennifer Dörner, National Director; Linda Norstrom, President. *Réseau Solidarité Itinérance du Québec:* Nathalie Rech, Coordinator; Pierre Gaudreau, President. *SCO Health Services:* Larry W. Chambers, President, Élisabeth Bruyère Research Institute.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Matt Holland, Dawn Ford, Vincent Leduc, Jacquelin Bouchard, Gaston Bellemare, Stéphane Bordeleau, Jennifer Dörner, Linda Norstrom, Nathalie Rech, Pierre Gaudreau and Larry W. Chambers made statements and answered questions.

At 11:48 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/08 10:22 a.m.

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Meeting No. 130

Tuesday, November 1, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Robert Bouchard,
Mark Holland,
Yvan Loubier,
Massimo Pacetti
and Monte Solberg.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jim Prentice for Brian Pallister.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Standing Committee on Finance:

Richard Dupuis, Clerk of the Committee.

WITNESSES:

Quebec Festivals and Events:

Camille Trudel, President;

Pierre-Paul Leduc, General Manager.

Interactive Cultural Initiatives (Through the Arts):

Jennifer Cooke, Director.

Mouvement pour les arts et les lettres:

Bastien Gilbert, Delegate;

Lorraine Hébert, Delegate.

Consumers' Union:

Ghislaine Beaulieu, Coordinator, Association coopérative
d'économie familiale de l'Estrie;

France Latreille, Director.

Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 130

Tuesday, November 1, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 11:57 a.m. this day, at the Delta Centre-Ville, Regence C, Montreal, Quebec, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Robert Bouchard, Mark Holland, Yvan Loubier, Massimo Pacetti and Monte Solberg.

Acting Members present: Jim Prentice for Brian Pallister.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst. *Standing Committee on Finance:* Richard Dupuis, Clerk of the Committee.

Witnesses: Quebec Festivals and Events: Camille Trudel, President; Pierre-Paul Leduc, General Manager. *Interactive Cultural Initiatives (Through the Arts):* Jennifer Cooke, Director. *Mouvement pour les arts et les lettres:* Bastien Gilbert, Delegate; Lorraine Hébert, Delegate. *Consumers' Union:* Ghislaine Beaulieu, Coordinator, Association coopérative d'économie familiale de l'Estrie; France Latreille, Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Camille Trudel, Pierre-Paul Leduc, Jennifer Cooke, Bastien Gilbert, Lorraine Hébert, Ghislaine Beaulieu and France Latreille made statements and answered questions.

At 1:11 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/08 10:23 a.m.

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Meeting No. 131

Tuesday, November 1, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Robert Bouchard,
Mark Holland,
Yvan Loubier,
Massimo Pacetti
and Monte Solberg.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jim Prentice for Brian Pallister.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.
Standing Committee on Finance:
Richard Dupuis, Clerk of the Committee.

WITNESSES:

Génome Québec:

Paul L'archevêque, President and Chief Executive Director;
Marie-Kym Brisson, Director, Communications and Public
Relations.

Fédération des producteurs de lait du Québec:

Gilbert Perreault, First Vice-President;
Patrice Dubé, Deputy Director, Economical Research Department.

Culture Montréal:

Anne-Marie Jean, General Manager.

TOHU (Cité des arts du cirque):

Charles-Mathieu Brunelle, Executive Vice-President and General
Manager.

Nunavut Association of Municipalities:

Elisapee Sheutiapik, Member, Board of Directors;
Lynda Gunn, Chief Executive Officer;
Russell Banta, Representative.

Canadian Automobile Dealers Association:

Richard C. Gauthier, President.

Paul L'archevêque, Gilbert Perreault, Anne-Marie Jean, Charles-Mathieu Brunelle,
Elisapee Sheutiapik and Richard C. Gauthier made statements and, with Russell Banta,
Lynda Gunn and Patrice Dubé, answered questions.

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Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 131

Tuesday, November 1, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 2:04 p.m. this day, at the Delta Centre-Ville, Regence C, Montreal, Quebec, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Robert Bouchard, Mark Holland, Yvan Loubier, Massimo Pacetti and Monte Solberg.

Acting Members present: Jim Prentice for Brian Pallister.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst. *Standing Committee on Finance:* Richard Dupuis, Clerk of the Committee.

Witnesses: Génome Québec: Paul L'archevêque, President and Chief Executive Director; Marie-Kym Brisson, Director, Communications and Public Relations. *Fédération des producteurs de lait du Québec:* Gilbert Perreault, First Vice-President; Patrice Dubé, Deputy Director, Economical Research Department. *Culture Montréal:* Anne-Marie Jean, General Manager. *TOHU (Cité des arts du cirque):* Charles-Mathieu Brunelle, Executive Vice-President and General Manager. *Nunavut Association of Municipalities:* Elisapee Sheutiapik, Member, Board of Directors; Lynda Gunn, Chief Executive Officer; Russell Banta, Representative. *Canadian Automobile Dealers Association:* Richard C. Gauthier, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Paul L'archevêque, Gilbert Perreault, Anne-Marie Jean, Charles-Mathieu Brunelle, Elisapee Sheutiapik and Richard C. Gauthier made statements and, with Russell Banta, Lynda Gunn and Patrice Dubé, answered questions.

At 3:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/08 10:24 a.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 132

Tuesday, November 1, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Robert Bouchard,
Mark Holland,
Yvan Loubier,
Massimo Pacetti
and Monte Solberg.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Jim Prentice for Brian Pallister.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Standing Committee on Finance:

Richard Dupuis, Clerk of the Committee.

WITNESSES:

Shipping Federation of Canada:

Michael Broad, President;
Mario Minotti, Director, Finance Administration.

University of Montréal:

Jean Sirois, Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine;
Pierre Lamothe, Dean Assistant, Faculté de médecine vétérinaire.

Laurentian Bank of Canada:

Raymond McManus, President and Chief Executive Officer;
Robert Cardinal, Senior Executive Vice-President and Chief
Financial Officer, Finance, Administration and Strategic
Development.

Board of Trade of Metropolitan Montreal:

Isabelle Hudon, President and Chief Operating Officer;
Sylvain Bouffard, Director, Policy.

Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 132

Tuesday, November 1, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 3:42 p.m. this day, at the Delta Centre-Ville, Regence C, Montreal, Quebec, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Robert Bouchard, Mark Holland, Yvan Loubier, Massimo Pacetti and Monte Solberg.

Acting Members present: Jim Prentice for Brian Pallister.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst. *Standing Committee on Finance:* Richard Dupuis, Clerk of the Committee.

Witnesses: Shipping Federation of Canada: Michael Broad, President; Mario Minotti, Director, Finance Administration. *University of Montréal:* Jean Sirois, Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine; Pierre Lamothe, Dean Assistant, Faculté de médecine vétérinaire. *Laurentian Bank of Canada:* Raymond McManus, President and Chief Executive Officer; Robert Cardinal, Senior Executive Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer, Finance, Administration and Strategic Development. *Board of Trade of Metropolitan Montreal:* Isabelle Hudon, President and Chief Operating Officer; Sylvain Bouffard, Director, Policy.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Michael Broad, Jean Sirois, Raymond McManus and Isabelle Hudon made statements and answered questions.

At 5:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/08 4:19 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 133

Wednesday, November 2, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Mark Holland,
Yvan Loubier,
Massimo Pacetti
and Monte Solberg.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Charlie Angus for Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Standing Committee on Finance:
Christine Lafrance, Clerk of the Committee.

WITNESSES:

Arts Network for Children and Youth:

Linda Albright, Executive Director;
Rudy Ruttimann, Treasurer.

University of British Columbia:

Allan Tupper, Professor of Political Science, Associate Vice-
President, Government Relations.

Horse Racing Tax Alliance of Canada:

Catherine Willson, Legal Counsel;
David Willmott, Chair, President and Chief Executive Officer,
Woodbine Entertainment Group.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 133

Wednesday, November 2, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 8:45 a.m. this day, at the Intercontinental Hotel, Willard Room, Toronto, Ontario, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Mark Holland, Yvan Loubier, Massimo Pacetti and Monte Solberg.

Acting Members present: Charlie Angus for Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst. *Standing Committee on Finance:* Christine Lafrance, Clerk of the Committee.

Witnesses: Arts Network for Children and Youth: Linda Albright, Executive Director; Rudy Ruttimann, Treasurer. *University of British Columbia:* Allan Tupper, Professor of Political Science, Associate Vice-President, Government Relations. *Horse Racing Tax Alliance of Canada:* Catherine Willson, Legal Counsel; David Willmott, Chair, President and Chief Executive Officer, Woodbine Entertainment Group.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Linda Albright, Rudy Ruttimann, Allan Tupper, Catherine Willson and David Willmott made statements and answered questions.

At 9:34 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/09 10:21 a.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 134

Wednesday, November 2, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Mark Holland
Yvan Loubier
Massimo Pacetti
Charlie Penson
Monte Solberg

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Charlie Angus for Judy Wasylycia-Leis

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

June Dewetering, Principal
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst

Standing Committee on Finance:

Christine Lafrance, Clerk of the Committee

WITNESSES:

Health Partners International of Canada:

Hon. Jake Epp, Chair, Board of Directors
John P. Kelsall, President

Consumer Advocare Network:

Durhane Wong-Rieger, Chair, Toronto

Canadian Trucking Alliance:

David Bradley, Chief Executive Officer
Stephen Laskowski, Vice-President

Association of Canadian Publishers:

Kirk Howard, President
Margaret Eaton, Executive Director

As an Individual:

Joseph Polito

Jake Epp, Durhane Wong-Rieger, David Bradley, Kirk Howard and Joseph Polito made statements and, with John Kelsall and Margaret Eaton, answered questions.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 134

Wednesday, November 2, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 9:59 a.m. this day, at the Intercontinental Hotel, Willard Room, Toronto, Ontario, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Mark Holland, Yvan Loubier, Massimo Pacetti, Charlie Penson and Monte Solberg.

Acting Members present: Charlie Angus for Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst. *Standing Committee on Finance:* Christine Lafrance, Clerk of the Committee.

Witnesses: Health Partners International of Canada: Hon. Jake Epp, Chair, Board of Directors; John P. Kelsall, President. *Consumer Advocare Network:* Durhane Wong-Rieger, Chair, Toronto. *Canadian Trucking Alliance:* David Bradley, Chief Executive Officer; Stephen Laskowski, Vice-President. *Association of Canadian Publishers:* Kirk Howard, President; Margaret Eaton, Executive Director. *As an Individual:* Joseph Polito.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Jake Epp, Durhane Wong-Rieger, David Bradley, Kirk Howard and Joseph Polito made statements and, with John Kelsall and Margaret Eaton, answered questions.

At 11:20 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/09 10:23 a.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 135

Wednesday, November 2, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Mark Holland,
Yvan Loubier,
Massimo Pacetti,
Charlie Penson
and Monte Solberg.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Charlie Angus for Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Standing Committee on Finance:

Richard Dupuis, Clerk of the Committee.

WITNESSES:

Breakthrough Films and Television Inc.:
Ira Levy, Executive Producer.

Savi Media Inc.:
Alexandra Raffé, President.

American Federation of Musicians of the United States and Canada:
Paul Sharpe, Director, Freelance Services Division;
Raymond Koskie, Consultant, Raymond Koskie Consulting.

National Anti-Racism Council of Canada:
Estella Muyinda, Executive Director.

Directors Guild of Canada:
Monique Twigg, Manager, National Research and Policy.

Friends of Canadian Broadcasting:
Ian Morrison, Spokesperson.

Writers Guild of Canada:
Gail Martiri, Director of Policy;
Barb Farwell, Director, Communications.

Ira Levy, Alexandra Raffé, Paul Sharpe, Estella Muyinda, Monique Twigg, Ian Morrison and Gail Martiri made statements and, with Raymond Koskie, answered questions.

Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 135

Wednesday, November 2, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 11:35 a.m. this day, at the Intercontinental Hotel, Willard Room, Toronto, Ontario, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Mark Holland, Yvan Loubier, Massimo Pacetti, Charlie Penson and Monte Solberg.

Acting Members present: Charlie Angus for Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst. *Standing Committee on Finance:* Richard Dupuis, Clerk of the Committee.

Witnesses: Breakthrough Films and Television Inc.: Ira Levy, Executive Producer. *Savi Media Inc.:* Alexandra Raffé, President. *American Federation of Musicians of the United States and Canada:* Paul Sharpe, Director, Freelance Services Division; Raymond Koskie, Consultant, Raymond Koskie Consulting. *National Anti-Racism Council of Canada:* Estella Muyinda, Executive Director. *Directors Guild of Canada:* Monique Twigg, Manager, National Research and Policy. *Friends of Canadian Broadcasting:* Ian Morrison, Spokesperson. *Writers Guild of Canada:* Gail Martiri, Director of Policy; Barb Farwell, Director, Communications.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Ira Levy, Alexandra Raffé, Paul Sharpe, Estella Muyinda, Monique Twigg, Ian Morrison and Gail Martiri made statements and, with Raymond Koskie, answered questions.

At 1:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/09 10:24 a.m.

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Wednesday, November 2, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Mark Holland,
Yvan Loubier,
Massimo Pacetti
and Charlie Penson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Standing Committee on Finance:

Christine Lafrance, Clerk of the Committee.

WITNESSES:

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation of Canada:

Ronald F. Forbes, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs:

Patrick Burke, Fire Chief, Niagara Falls;
Donald F. Warden, Fire Chief, Wasaga Beach.

Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment:

Kapil Khatter, Executive Director;
Loren Vanderlinden, Supervisor, Environmental Health
Assessment and Policy.

Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants:

Nigel Byars, Executive Vice-President;
Scott Allinson, Manager, Government Relations and
Communications.

Writers' Union of Canada:

Ron Brown, First Vice-Chair;
Deborah Windsor, Executive Director.

Orchestras Canada:

Katherine Carleton, Executive Director.

YWCA Canada:

Elizabeth Bourns, President.

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation of Canada:

Ronald F. Forbes, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 136

Wednesday, November 2, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 2:03 p.m. this day, at the Intercontinental Hotel, Willard Room, Toronto, Ontario, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Mark Holland, Yvan Loubier, Massimo Pacetti and Charlie Penson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst. *Standing Committee on Finance:* Christine Lafrance, Clerk of the Committee.

Witnesses: Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation of Canada: Ronald F. Forbes, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs:* Patrick Burke, Fire Chief, Niagara Falls; Donald F. Warden, Fire Chief, Wasaga Beach. *Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment:* Kapil Khatter, Executive Director; Loren Vanderlinden, Supervisor, Environmental Health Assessment and Policy. *Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants:* Nigel Byars, Executive Vice-President; Scott Allinson, Manager, Government Relations and Communications. *Writers' Union of Canada:* Ron Brown, First Vice-Chair; Deborah Windsor, Executive Director. *Orchestras Canada:* Katherine Carleton, Executive Director. *YWCA Canada:* Elizabeth Bourns, President. *Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation of Canada:* Ronald F. Forbes, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Donald F. Warden, Patrick Burke, Kapil Khatter, Loren Vanderlinden, Nigel Byars, Ron Brown, Katherine Carleton, Elizabeth Bourns and Ronald F. Forbes made statements and answered questions.

At 3:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/09 10:25 a.m.

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Meeting No. 137

Wednesday, November 2, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Yvan Loubier,
Massimo Pacetti
and Charlie Penson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Charlie Angus for Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Standing Committee on Finance:

Richard Dupuis, Clerk of the Committee.

WITNESSES:

Amalgamated Transit Union - Canadian Council:

Kenneth Foster, Canadian Director;
Christopher Byford, Director, Research and Communications.

Export Development Canada:

Stephen Poloz, Senior Vice-President and Chief Economist,
Corporate Affairs.

Ontario CAPC/CPNP Coalition of Projects:

Brenda Anne Clarke, Chair.

Retail Council of Canada:

Diane J. Brisebois, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Toronto Board of Trade:

Robert Hutchison, Chair;
Glen Grunwald, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Toronto Real Estate Board:

Michael Collins, Member, Government Relations Committee;
Tim Lee, Chair, Government Relations Committee, Ontario Real
Estate Association.

Kenneth Foster, Stephen Poloz, Brenda Anne Clarke, Diane J. Brisebois, Robert
Hutchison, Glen Grunwald, Michael Collins and Tim Lee made statements and, with
Christopher Byford, answered questions.

Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 137

Wednesday, November 2, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 3:42 p.m. this day, at the Intercontinental Hotel, Willard Room, Toronto, Ontario, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Yvan Loubier, Massimo Pacetti and Charlie Penson.

Acting Members present: Charlie Angus for Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst. *Standing Committee on Finance:* Richard Dupuis, Clerk of the Committee.

Witnesses: Amalgamated Transit Union - Canadian Council: Kenneth Foster, Canadian Director; Christopher Byford, Director, Research and Communications. *Export Development Canada:* Stephen Poloz, Senior Vice-President and Chief Economist, Corporate Affairs. *Ontario CAPC/CPNP Coalition of Projects:* Brenda Anne Clarke, Chair. *Retail Council of Canada:* Diane J. Brisebois, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Toronto Board of Trade:* Robert Hutchison, Chair; Glen Grunwald, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Toronto Real Estate Board:* Michael Collins, Member, Government Relations Committee; Tim Lee, Chair, Government Relations Committee, Ontario Real Estate Association.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Kenneth Foster, Stephen Poloz, Brenda Anne Clarke, Diane J. Brisebois, Robert Hutchison, Glen Grunwald, Michael Collins and Tim Lee made statements and, with Christopher Byford, answered questions.

At 4:59 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/09 10:29 a.m.

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Meeting No. 138

Thursday, November 3, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Yvan Loubier,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Charlie Penson,
Monte Solberg
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.
Standing Committee on Finance:
Christine Lafrance, Clerk of the Committee.

WITNESSES:

Association of Canadian Pension Management:
Scott Perkin, President.

Duty-Free Shops:

André Bergeron, Executive Director, Canadian Association of Airport Duty Free Stores;
Chuck Loewen, Past Chair, Board of Directors, Frontier Duty Free Association.

BIOTECanada:

Peter Brenders, President and Chief Executive Officer;
Tony Cruz, Chief Executive Officer, Transition Therapeutics.

Family Service Association of Toronto:

Michele Lupa, Coordinator, Growing Up Healthy Downtown;
Farah Montadher, Program Participant, Growing Up Healthy Downtown.

Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants:

Amy Casipullai, Coordinator, Policy and Public Education.

Canadian Association of Food Banks:

Charles Seiden, Executive Director.

Canadian Federation of Students:

Jesse Greener, Chairperson, Ontario;
Pam Frache, Coordinator, Ontario Campaigns and Government Relations.

Scott Perkin, André Bergeron, Chuck Loewen, Peter Brenders, Tony Cruz, Michele Lupa, Farah Montadher, Amy Casipullai, Charles Seiden and Jesse Greener made statements and, with Pam Frache, answered questions.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 138

Thursday, November 3, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 8:34 a.m. this day, at the Intercontinental Hotel, Willard Room, Toronto, Ontario, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Yvan Loubier, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst. *Standing Committee on Finance:* Christine Lafrance, Clerk of the Committee.

Witnesses: Association of Canadian Pension Management: Scott Perkin, President. *Duty-Free Shops:* André Bergeron, Executive Director, Canadian Association of Airport Duty Free Stores; Chuck Loewen, Past Chair, Board of Directors, Frontier Duty Free Association. *BIOTECCanada:* Peter Brenders, President and Chief Executive Officer; Tony Cruz, Chief Executive Officer, Transition Therapeutics. *Family Service Association of Toronto:* Michele Lupa, Coordinator, Growing Up Healthy Downtown; Farah Montadher, Program Participant, Growing Up Healthy Downtown. *Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants:* Amy Casipullai, Coordinator, Policy and Public Education. *Canadian Association of Food Banks:* Charles Seiden, Executive Director. *Canadian Federation of Students:* Jesse Greener, Chairperson, Ontario; Pam Frache, Coordinator, Ontario Campaigns and Government Relations.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Scott Perkin, André Bergeron, Chuck Loewen, Peter Brenders, Tony Cruz, Michele Lupa, Farah Montadher, Amy Casipullai, Charles Seiden and Jesse Greener made statements and, with Pam Frache, answered questions.

At 10:09 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/09 10:35 a.m.

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Thursday, November 3, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Yvan Loubier,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Charlie Penson,
Monte Solberg
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Standing Committee on Finance:

Christine Lafrance, Clerk of the Committee.

WITNESSES:

Co-operators Group:

Kathy Bardswick, President and Chief Executive Officer;
Frank Lowery, Vice-President, General Counsel and Secretary.

GrowthWorks WV Management Ltd:

David Levi, President and Chief Executive Officer.

KAIROS (Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives):

Mike Hogeterp, Coordinator, Research and Communications,
Committee for Contact with the Government, Christian Reformed
Church in Canada;

Michael Polanyi, Coordinator, Canadian Social Development
Program.

Metro Toronto Chinese and Southeast Asian Legal Clinic:

Avvy Yao-Yao Go, Director.

National Housing and Homelessness Network:

Michael Shapcott, Co-Chair, National Housing and Homelessness
Network;

Rainer Driemeyer, Member, Disaster Relief, Toronto.

Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada:

Peter Dimmell, President.

Kathy Bardswick, David Levi, Mike Hogeterp, Michael Polanyi, Avvy Yao-Yao Go,
Michael Shapcott, Rainer Driemeyer and Peter Dimmell made statements and, with Frank
Lowery, answered questions.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 139

Thursday, November 3, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 10:17 a.m. this day, at the Intercontinental Hotel, Willard Room, Toronto, Ontario, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Yvan Loubier, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst. *Standing Committee on Finance:* Christine Lafrance, Clerk of the Committee.

Witnesses: Co-operators Group: Kathy Bardswick, President and Chief Executive Officer; Frank Lowery, Vice-President, General Counsel and Secretary. *GrowthWorks WV Management Ltd:* David Levi, President and Chief Executive Officer. *KAIROS (Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives):* Mike Hogeterp, Coordinator, Research and Communications, Committee for Contact with the Government, Christian Reformed Church in Canada; Michael Polanyi, Coordinator, Canadian Social Development Program. *Metro Toronto Chinese and Southeast Asian Legal Clinic:* Avvy Yao-Yao Go, Director. *National Housing and Homelessness Network:* Michael Shapcott, Co-Chair, National Housing and Homelessness Network; Rainer Driemeyer, Member, Disaster Relief, Toronto. *Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada:* Peter Dimmell, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Kathy Bardswick, David Levi, Mike Hogeterp, Michael Polanyi, Avvy Yao-Yao Go, Michael Shapcott, Rainer Driemeyer and Peter Dimmell made statements and, with Frank Lowery, answered questions.

At 11:47 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/10 9:55 a.m.

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Meeting No. 140

Thursday, November 3, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Yvan Loubier,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Charlie Penson
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.
Standing Committee on Finance:
Richard Dupuis, Clerk of the Committee.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Federation of University Women:
Margaret McGovern, Director, Status of Women and Human Rights.

Citizens for Public Justice:

Greg deGroot-Maggetti, Analyst, Socio-Economic Policy;
Chris Pullenayegem, Analyst, Refugee Issues Policy.

Hands Off! Campaign:

Sandy Shaw, Representative, Social Planning Council of
Hamilton;
Beverly Halls, Disabled Social Benefit Recipient, Co-Chair of the
Parent Action Network.

Modernizing Income Security for Working Age Adults:

Susan Pigott, Co-Chair, Chief Executive Officer of St. Christopher
House;
David Pecaut, Co-Chair, Task Force, Toronto City Summit
Alliance.

Legal Aid Ontario:

Janet Leiper, Chair;
George Biggar, Vice-President, Policy, Planning and External
Relations.

Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care :

Kira Heineck, Executive Director.

Watson Wyatt Worldwide:

Laura Samaroo, Pension Consultant;
Keith Horner, Consultant;
Ian Markham, Director, Pension Innovation.

Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee



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Thursday, November 3, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 11:57 a.m. this day, at the Intercontinental Hotel, Willard Room, Toronto, Ontario, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Yvan Loubier, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Charlie Penson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst. *Standing Committee on Finance:* Richard Dupuis, Clerk of the Committee.

Witnesses: Canadian Federation of University Women: Margaret McGovern, Director, Status of Women and Human Rights. *Citizens for Public Justice:* Greg deGroot-Maggetti, Analyst, Socio-Economic Policy; Chris Pullenayegem, Analyst, Refugee Issues Policy. *Hands Off! Campaign:* Sandy Shaw, Representative, Social Planning Council of Hamilton; Beverly Halls, Disabled Social Benefit Recipient, Co-Chair of the Parent Action Network. *Modernizing Income Security for Working Age Adults:* Susan Pigott, Co-Chair, Chief Executive Officer of St. Christopher House; David Pecaut, Co-Chair, Task Force, Toronto City Summit Alliance. *Legal Aid Ontario:* Janet Leiper, Chair; George Biggar, Vice-President, Policy, Planning and External Relations. *Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care :* Kira Heineck, Executive Director. *Watson Wyatt Worldwide:* Laura Samaroo, Pension Consultant; Keith Horner, Consultant; Ian Markham, Director, Pension Innovation.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Margaret McGovern, Greg deGroot-Maggetti, Sandy Shaw, Beverly Halls, Susan Pigott, David Pecaut, Janet Leiper, Kira Heineck, Laura Samaroo and Keith Horner made statements and answered questions.

At 1:23 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/10 9:56 a.m.

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38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 141

Thursday, November 3, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Yvan Loubier
Hon. Maria Minna
Massimo Pacetti
Charlie Penson
Monte Solberg
Judy Wasylycia-Leis

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst
Standing Committee on Finance:
Richard Dupuis, Clerk of the Committee

WITNESSES:

Canada's Association for the Fifty-Plus:

William Gleberzon, Director, Government and Media Relations

Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada:

Susan Murray, Chair, National Government Relations Committee

Deanna Groetzinger, National Vice-President, Communications

Research Canada: An Alliance for Health Discovery:

David Hill, Director

Hepatitis C Society of Canada:

Tim McClemon, Executive Director

Smartrisk:

Robert Conn, President

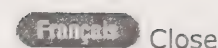
National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy:

Glen Murray, Chairperson

Alexander Wood, Policy Advisor

William Gleberzon, Susan Murray, David Hill, Tim McClemon, Robert Conn and Glen Murray made statements and, with Deanna Groetzinger, answered questions.

Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee



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Thursday, November 3, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 2:07 p.m. this day, at the Intercontinental Hotel, Willard Room, Toronto, Ontario, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Yvan Loubier, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst. *Standing Committee on Finance:* Richard Dupuis, Clerk of the Committee.

Witnesses: Canada's Association for the Fifty-Plus: William Gleberzon, Director, Government and Media Relations. *Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada:* Susan Murray, Chair, National Government Relations Committee; Deanna Groetzinger, National Vice-President, Communications. *Research Canada: An Alliance for Health Discovery:* David Hill, Director. *Hepatitis C Society of Canada:* Tim McClelland, Executive Director. *Smartrisk:* Robert Conn, President. *National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy:* Glen Murray, Chairperson; Alexander Wood, Policy Advisor.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

William Gleberzon, Susan Murray, David Hill, Tim McClelland, Robert Conn and Glen Murray made statements and, with Deanna Groetzinger, answered questions.

At 3:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/10 9:57 a.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 142

Thursday, November 3, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Charlie Penson,
Monte Solberg
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Printing Industries Association:
Bob Elliott, President;
Bob Kadis, Chair, Government Affairs Committee.

Canadian Retail Building Supply Council:
David Campbell, President, Canadian Lumber and Building
Materials Association of Ontario.

Insurance Bureau of Canada:

Stanley I. Griffin, President and Chief Executive Officer;
Dennis Prouse, Director, Government Relations.

Investment Dealers Association of Canada:

Joseph J. Oliver, President and Chief Executive Officer.

RESP Dealers Association of Canada:

Paul Renaud, Chair, Vice-President, Corporate Affairs, USC
Education Savings Plan Inc.;
Peter Lewis, Chair, Government Relations, Vice-President, Plan
Administration, C.S.T. Consultants Inc..

Toronto Financial Services Alliance:

Brian Ashton, Co-Chair, Councillor, City of Toronto;
Janet Ecker, Executive Director.

Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy:

Robert Barnett, Executive Director and Chair, Government
Relations Committee, Ontario Land Trust Alliance.

Bob Elliott, Bob Kadis, David Campbell, Stanley I. Griffin, Joseph J. Oliver, Paul Renaud, Brian Ashton, Janett Ecker and Robert Barnett made statements and, with Peter Lewis, answered questions.

Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 142

Thursday, November 3, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 3:44 p.m. this day, at the Intercontinental Hotel, Willard Room, Toronto, Ontario, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Printing Industries Association: Bob Elliott, President; Bob Kadis, Chair, Government Affairs Committee. *Canadian Retail Building Supply Council:* David Campbell, President, Canadian Lumber and Building Materials Association of Ontario. *Insurance Bureau of Canada:* Stanley I. Griffin, President and Chief Executive Officer; Dennis Prouse, Director, Government Relations. *Investment Dealers Association of Canada:* Joseph J. Oliver, President and Chief Executive Officer. *RESP Dealers Association of Canada:* Paul Renaud, Chair, Vice-President, Corporate Affairs, USC Education Savings Plan Inc.; Peter Lewis, Chair, Government Relations, Vice-President, Plan Administration, C.S.T. Consultants Inc.. *Toronto Financial Services Alliance:* Brian Ashton, Co-Chair, Councillor, City of Toronto; Janet Ecker, Executive Director. *Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy:* Robert Barnett, Executive Director and Chair, Government Relations Committee, Ontario Land Trust Alliance.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Bob Elliott, Bob Kadis, David Campbell, Stanley I. Griffin, Joseph J. Oliver, Paul Renaud, Brian Ashton, Janet Ecker and Robert Barnett made statements and, with Peter Lewis, answered questions.

At 5:26 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/04 1:30 p.m.

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Chair : Massimo Pacetti Lib

Meeting No. 143

Friday, November 4, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. John McKay,
Massimo Pacetti,
Monte Solberg
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Association of International Automobile Manufacturers of Canada:
David C. Adams, President.

Canadian Vehicle Manufacturers' Association:
Mark A. Nantais, President.

Canadian Pensioners Concerned Inc.:
Gerda Kaegi, President;

Sylvia Hall, Second Vice-President.

Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association:

Joyce Reynolds, Senior Vice-President, Government Affairs.

Direct Sellers Association of Canada:

Ross Creber, President;

Jack W. Millar, Director.

Greater Kitchener Waterloo Chamber of Commerce:

Linda Korgemets, Director;

Sarah Macauley, Policy Analyst.

Multi-Employer Benefit Plan Council of Canada:

William Anderson, President.

David C. Adams, Mark A. Nantais, Gerda Kaegi, Joyce Reynolds, Ross Creber, Linda Korgemets and William Anderson made statements and, with Jack W. Millar, answered questions.

Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 143

Friday, November 4, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 8:36 a.m. this day, at the Intercontinental Hotel, Willard Room, Toronto, Ontario, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. John McKay, Massimo Pacetti, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Association of International Automobile Manufacturers of Canada: David C. Adams, President. *Canadian Vehicle Manufacturers' Association:* Mark A. Nantais, President. *Canadian Pensioners Concerned Inc.:* Gerda Kaegi, President; Sylvia Hall, Second Vice-President. *Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association:* Joyce Reynolds, Senior Vice-President, Government Affairs. *Direct Sellers Association of Canada:* Ross Creber, President; Jack W. Millar, Director. *Greater Kitchener Waterloo Chamber of Commerce:* Linda Korgemets, Director; Sarah Macauley, Policy Analyst. *Multi-Employer Benefit Plan Council of Canada:* William Anderson, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

David C. Adams, Mark A. Nantais, Gerda Kaegi, Joyce Reynolds, Ross Creber, Linda Korgemets and William Anderson made statements and, with Jack W. Millar, answered questions.

At 10:05 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/04 2:45 p.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 144

Friday, November 4, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. John McKay,
Massimo Pacetti
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bev Oda for Brian Pallister.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Arts Coalition:

Robert H. Thomson, Actor and Director, Artistic Director of Shakespeare Works;
Mark Jamison, Member, Steering Committee and Chief Executive Officer of Magazines Canada.

Canadian Film and Television Production Association:

Stephen Ellis, Member, Board of Directors;
Guy Mayson, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Museums Association:

John G. McAvity, Executive Director;
Cal White, Chairman.

Centre for Social Justice:

Brigitte Kitchen, Associate Professor, School of Social Work, York University;
Murray Cooke, Research Associate.

Chinese Canadian National Council:

Victor Wong, National Executive Director;
Christine Li, National Executive.

Council for Business and the Arts in Canada:

James D. Fleck, Chairman;
Billie Bridgman, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Literary Press Group of Canada:

Alana Wilcox, Chair, Board of Directors;
Ronda Kellington, Executive Director.

Robert H. Thomson, Stephen Ellis, Guy Mayson, John McAvity, Cal White, Brigitte Kitchen, Murray Cooke, Victor Wong, James D. Fleck, Billie Bridgman and Alana Wilcox made statements and, with Mark Jamison, answered questions.

Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 144

Friday, November 4, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 10:15 a.m. this day, at the Intercontinental Hotel, Willard Room, Toronto, Ontario, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. John McKay, Massimo Pacetti and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Bev Oda for Brian Pallister.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Arts Coalition: Robert H. Thomson, Actor and Director, Artistic Director of Shakespeare Works; Mark Jamison, Member, Steering Committee and Chief Executive Officer of Magazines Canada. *Canadian Film and Television Production Association:* Stephen Ellis, Member, Board of Directors; Guy Mayson, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Canadian Museums Association:* John G. McAvity, Executive Director; Cal White, Chairman. *Centre for Social Justice:* Brigitte Kitchen, Associate Professor, School of Social Work, York University; Murray Cooke, Research Associate. *Chinese Canadian National Council:* Victor Wong, National Executive Director; Christine Li, National Executive. *Council for Business and the Arts in Canada:* James D. Fleck, Chairman; Billie Bridgman, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Literary Press Group of Canada:* Alana Wilcox, Chair, Board of Directors; Ronda Kellington, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Robert H. Thomson, Stephen Ellis, Guy Mayson, John McAvity, Cal White, Brigitte Kitchen, Murray Cooke, Victor Wong, James D. Fleck, Billie Bridgman and Alana Wilcox made statements and, with Mark Jamison, answered questions.

At 11:38 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/04 3:45 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 145

Friday, November 4, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. John McKay,
Massimo Pacetti
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Bev Oda for Brian Pallister.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Association of Colleges of Applied Arts Technology of Ontario:
Rick Miner, Chair;
Joan Homer, Chief Executive Officer.

Frontier College:

Christina Tari, Chair, Board of Governors;
John Daniel O'Leary, President.

Hospital for Sick Children:

Janet Rossant, Chief of Research.

Opera.ca:

John Hess, Director, Co-Artistic Director of the Queen of Puddings
Music Theatre Company;
Micheline McKay, Executive Director.

Professional Association of Canadian Theatres:

Jerry Doiron, Director, Planning, Shaw Festival;
Lucy White, Executive Director.

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada:

Stan M. Shapson, Interim President.

Greater Toronto Hotel Association:

Michelle Saunders, Representative, Government Relations.

Rick Miner, Christina Tari, Janet Rossant, John Hess, Jerry Doiron, Lucy White, Stan M. Shapson, Micheline McKay and Micheline Saunders made statements and, with John Daniel O'Leary, answered questions.

Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 145

Friday, November 4, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 11:49 a.m. this day, at the Intercontinental Hotel, Willard Room, Toronto, Ontario, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. John McKay, Massimo Pacetti and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Bev Oda for Brian Pallister.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Witnesses: *Association of Colleges of Applied Arts Technology of Ontario:* Rick Miner, Chair; Joan Homer, Chief Executive Officer. *Frontier College:* Christina Tari, Chair, Board of Governors; John Daniel O'Leary, President. *Hospital for Sick Children:* Janet Rossant, Chief of Research. *Opera.ca:* John Hess, Director, Co-Artistic Director of the Queen of Puddings Music Theatre Company; Micheline McKay, Executive Director. *Professional Association of Canadian Theatres:* Jerry Doiron, Director, Planning, Shaw Festival; Lucy White, Executive Director. *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada:* Stan M. Shapson, Interim President. *Greater Toronto Hotel Association:* Michelle Saunders, Representative, Government Relations.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Rick Miner, Christina Tari, Janet Rossant, John Hess, Jerry Doiron, Lucy White, Stan M. Shapson, Micheline McKay and Micheline Saunders made statements and, with John Daniel O'Leary, answered questions.

At 1:16 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/04 3:59 p.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 146

Friday, November 4, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. John McKay,
Massimo Pacetti
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Bev Oda for Brian Pallister.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal;
Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Advocacy Centre for Tenants Ontario:
Mary Todorow, Policy Analyst.

Canadian Urban Institute:

Bob Onyschuk, Chairman;
Angus Ross, President, L & A Concepts;
David Crombie, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Heritage Canada Foundation:

Douglas Franklin, Director, Policy and Programs.

Ontario Genomics Institute:

Christian Burks, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Registered Practical Nurses Association of Ontario:

Joanne Young Evans, Executive Director.

Regional Municipality of Waterloo:

Larry Ryan, Chief Financial Officer.

Association of Municipalities of Ontario:

Roger Anderson, President.

Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 146

Friday, November 4, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 2:07 p.m. this day, at the Intercontinental Hotel, Willard Room, Toronto, Ontario, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. John McKay, Massimo Pacetti and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Bev Oda for Brian Pallister.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Alexandre Laurin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Advocacy Centre for Tenants Ontario: Mary Todorow, Policy Analyst. *Canadian Urban Institute:* Bob Onyschuk, Chairman; Angus Ross, President, L & A Concepts; David Crombie, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Heritage Canada Foundation:* Douglas Franklin, Director, Policy and Programs. *Ontario Genomics Institute:* Christian Burks, President and Chief Executive Officer. *Registered Practical Nurses Association of Ontario:* Joanne Young Evans, Executive Director. *Regional Municipality of Waterloo:* Larry Ryan, Chief Financial Officer. *Association of Municipalities of Ontario:* Roger Anderson, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

Mary Todorow, Bob Onyschuk, Douglas Franklin, Christian Burks, Joanne Young Evans, Larry Ryan, Roger Anderson and Angus Ross made statements and answered questions.

At 3:37 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/07 1:52 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 147

Monday, November 14, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Françoise Boivin,
Robert Bouchard,
Mark Holland,
Yvan Loubier,
Hon. John McKay,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Brian Pallister,
Charlie Penson,
Monte Solberg
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
June Dewetering, Principal.

Subcommittee on Fiscal Imbalance of the Standing Committee on Finance:
Alexandre Laurin.

Library of Parliament:
Sheena Starky, Analyst.

Standing Committee on Finance:
Christine Lafrance, Clerk of the Committee.

APPEARING:

Hon. Ralph Goodale, Minister of Finance.

WITNESSES:

Department of Finance:
Ian Bennett, Deputy Minister;
Mark Carney, Senior Associate Deputy Minister, G-7 Deputy for
Canada.

The Honourable Ralph Goodale made a statement and, with Mark Carney, answered questions.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 147

Monday, November 14, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met in a televised session at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Françoise Boivin, Robert Bouchard, Mark Holland, Yvan Loubier, Hon. John McKay, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson, Monte Solberg and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal. *Subcommittee on Fiscal Imbalance of the Standing Committee on Finance:* Alexandre Laurin. *Library of Parliament:* Sheena Starky, Analyst. *Standing Committee on Finance:* Christine Lafrance, Clerk of the Committee.

Appearing: Hon. Ralph Goodale, Minister of Finance.

Witnesses: Department of Finance: Ian Bennett, Deputy Minister; Mark Carney, Senior Associate Deputy Minister, G-7 Deputy for Canada.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005: Economic and Fiscal Update 2005.

The Honourable Ralph Goodale made a statement and, with Mark Carney, answered questions.

At 5:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/15 9:55 a.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 148

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, October 6, 2005, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-57, An Act to amend certain Acts in relation to financial institutions.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Françoise Boivin,
Robert Bouchard,
Mark Holland,
Yvan Loubier,
Hon. John McKay,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Charlie Penson
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

June Dewetering, Principal;
Sheena Starky, Analyst.

Standing Committee on Finance:

Richard Dupuis, Clerk of the Committee.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada:

Heather H. Black, Assistant Privacy Commissioner.

Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association Inc.:

Gregory Traversy, President;

Simon Curtis, Executive Vice-President and Chief Actuary,
Manulife Financial;

Frank Zinatelli, Vice-President and Associate General Counsel.

Canadian Bankers Association:

Warren Law, Senior Vice-President, Corporate Operations and
General Counsel.

Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants:

Kevin Dancey, Representative, Liability Reform Task Force;

Scott Allinson, Manager, Government Relations.

Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 148

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Françoise Boivin, Robert Bouchard, Mark Holland, Yvan Loubier, Hon. John McKay, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Charlie Penson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Sheena Starky, Analyst. *Standing Committee on Finance:* Richard Dupuis, Clerk of the Committee.

Witnesses: Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada: Heather H. Black, Assistant Privacy Commissioner. *Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association Inc.:* Gregory Traversy, President; Simon Curtis, Executive Vice-President and Chief Actuary, Manulife Financial; Frank Zinatelli, Vice-President and Associate General Counsel. *Canadian Bankers Association:* Warren Law, Senior Vice-President, Corporate Operations and General Counsel. *Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants:* Kevin Dancey, Representative, Liability Reform Task Force; Scott Allinson, Manager, Government Relations.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, October 6, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-57, An Act to amend certain Acts in relation to financial institutions.

Heather H. Black, Gregory Traversy, Simon Curtis, Warren Law and Kevin Dancey made statements and answered questions.

At 5:18 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/16 10:15 a.m.

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Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 149

Thursday, November 17, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, March 7, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-273, An Act to amend the Income Tax Act (deduction for volunteer emergency service).

Pursuant to Standing Orders 110 and 111, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of the certificate of nomination of Donald McQueen Shaver to the position of Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Canada Development Investment Corporation which was referred to the Committee on Monday, October 24, 2005.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, October 6, 2005, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-57, An Act to amend certain Acts in relation to financial institutions.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Françoise Boivin,
Robert Bouchard,
Mark Holland,
Yvan Loubier,
Hon. John McKay,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti
and Charlie Penson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Epp for Monte Solberg,
and Andrew Scheer for Brian Pallister.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

June Dewetering, Principal;
Sheena Starky, Analyst.

Standing Committee on Finance:

Christine Lafrance, Clerk of the Committee.

APPEARING:

Hon. John McKay, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance.

WITNESSES:

Department of Finance:

Gerry Salembier, Director, Financial Sector Policy Branch;
Eleanor Ryan, Chief, Structural Issues, Financial Sector Policy
Branch, Financial Institutes Division;
Rhoda Attwood, General Counsel, Law Branch;
Manuel Dussault, Senior Project Leader, Consumer Issues,
Financial Sector Policy Branch;
Khusro Saeedi, Senior Project Leader, Structural Issues, Financial
Sector Policy Branch;
Mary O'Connor, Counsel, Law Branch.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 149

Thursday, November 17, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Françoise Boivin, Robert Bouchard, Mark Holland, Yvan Loubier, Hon. John McKay, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti and Charlie Penson.

Acting Members present: Ken Epp for Monte Solberg and Andrew Scheer for Brian Pallister.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Sheena Starky, Analyst. *Standing Committee on Finance:* Christine Lafrance, Clerk of the Committee.

Appearing: Hon. John McKay, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance.

Witnesses: Department of Finance: Gerry Salembier, Director, Financial Sector Policy Branch; Eleanor Ryan, Chief, Structural Issues, Financial Sector Policy Branch, Financial Institutes Division; Rhoda Attwood, General Counsel, Law Branch; Manuel Dussault, Senior Project Leader, Consumer Issues, Financial Sector Policy Branch; Khushro Saeedi, Senior Project Leader, Structural Issues, Financial Sector Policy Branch; Mary O'Connor, Counsel, Law Branch.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, March 7, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-273, An Act to amend the Income Tax Act (deduction for volunteer emergency service).

The Chair presented a draft report which read as follows:

Whereas the Committee is generally supportive of the intent of Bill C-273 and feels that those who provide volunteer emergency services should be recognized by the federal government through the tax system, there are unresolved questions about:

- the definition of the term “volunteer emergency service,” and whether it would include the volunteer emergency services provided by auxiliary police officers, auxiliary Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers, and those volunteers who provide emergency search and rescue, paramedic and coast guard services, among others;
- the definition of the term “emergency,” and whether it would be restricted to situations where the volunteers are putting their lives at risk;
- the activities that would qualify in determining the number of hours of volunteer service for the purposes of the proposed measure;
- the existence of accurate, reliable record-keeping and reporting capacity to determine the number of hours of volunteer emergency services;
- the extent to which the number of hours of volunteer service in the proposal has been set at the appropriate level;
- whether the authority responsible for the keeping of records would be a municipal authority or an entity approved by the municipality;
- whether the term “volunteer” would be synonymous with “unpaid”;

- the relative merits of a tax deduction versus a refundable or non-refundable tax credit;
- the extent to which provincial/territorial tax revenues would be affected by the proposed measure;
- and the extent to which this type of measure should be designed only following consultation with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities;

Therefore, in light of the above noted details of the proposal in Bill C-273, be it resolved that this Committee, pursuant to Standing Order 97.1, recommends that the House of Commons do not proceed further with Bill C-273, An Act to amend the Income Tax Act (deduction for volunteer emergency services).

The question: "That the draft report be adopted" was put and was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Françoise Boivin, Robert Bouchard, Mark Holland, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Maria Minna — 6; NAYS: Ken Epp, Charlie Penson, Andrew Scheer — 3.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 110 and 111, the Committee commenced consideration of the certificate of nomination of Donald McQueen Shaver to the position of Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Canada Development Investment Corporation which was referred to the Committee on Monday, October 24, 2005.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the 48 hour notice motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, October 12, 2004, the Committee commenced its study on the motion of John McKay.

John McKay moved, — That this Committee has reviewed the qualifications of Dr. Donald Shaver for re-appointment as Chair of the Canada Development Investment Corporation and the Committee waives further consideration of this nomination.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Françoise Boivin, Robert Bouchard, Mark Holland, Yvan Loubier, John McKay, Maria Minna — 6; NAYS: Rona Ambrose, Ken Epp, Charlie Penson, Andrew Scheer — 4.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, October 6, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-57, An Act to amend certain Acts in relation to financial institutions.

The Parliamentary Secretary made a statement and, with Gerry Salembier, Eleanor Ryan and Rhoda Attwood, answered questions.

Clauses 1 to 195 inclusive carried severally.

On Clause 196,

John McKay moved, — That Bill C-57, in Clause 196, be amended by replacing, in the French version, line 8 on page 118 with the following:

“personnes suivantes :”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of John McKay and it was agreed to.

Clause 196, as amended, carried.

Clauses 197 to 241 inclusive carried severally.

On Clause 242,

John McKay moved, — That Bill C-57, in Clause 242, be amended by replacing, in the English version, lines 16 and 17 on page 147 with the following:

“conducted, the total number of votes represented at the meeting by proxy”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of John McKay and it was agreed to.

Clause 242, as amended, carried.

Clause 243 carried.

On Clause 244,

John McKay moved, — That Bill C-57, in Clause 244, be amended by adding after line 5 on page 150 the following:

“(3.5) The report of the actuary referred to in subsections (3.1) to (3.3) shall be prepared in accordance with generally accepted actuarial practice with such changes as may be determined by the Superintendent and any additional directions that may be made by the Superintendent.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of John McKay and it was agreed to.

Clause 244, as amended, carried.

Clauses 245 to 295 inclusive carried severally.

On Clause 296,

John McKay moved, — That Bill C-57, in Clause 296, be amended by adding after line 32 on page 184 the following:

“(2.1) The report of the actuary referred to in subsection (2) shall be prepared in accordance with generally accepted actuarial practice with such changes as may be determined by the Superintendent and any additional directions that may be made by the Superintendent.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of John McKay and it was agreed to.

Clause 296, as amended, carried.

On Clause 297,

John McKay moved, — That Bill C-57, in Clause 297, be amended by adding after line 42 on page 184 the following:

“(1.1) The report of the actuary referred to in subsection (1) shall be prepared in accordance with generally accepted actuarial practice with such changes as may be determined by the Superintendent

and any additional directions that may be made by the Superintendent.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of John McKay and it was agreed to.

Clause 297, as amended, carried.

Clauses 298 to 453 inclusive carried severally.

The Schedule carried.

The Title carried.

The Bill, as amended, carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report the Bill, as amended, to the House.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/22 11:38 a.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 150

Tuesday, November 22, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, April 14, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-285, An Act to amend the Income Tax Act (exclusion of income received by an athlete from a non-profit club, society or association).

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rona Ambrose,
Françoise Boivin,
Mark Holland,
Yvan Loubier,
Hon. John McKay,
Hon. Maria Minna,
Massimo Pacetti,
Brian Pallister,
Charlie Penson
and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Carrier for Robert Bouchard,
and Brian Fitzpatrick for Monte Solberg.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

June Dewetering, Principal;

Sheena Starky, Analyst.

Standing Committee on Finance:

Richard Dupuis, Clerk of the Committee.

WITNESSES:

David L. Anderson, M.P., Cypress Hills—Grasslands.

Department of Finance:

Gérard Lalonde, Senior Chief, Tax Policy Branch;

Edward Short, Senior Officer, Tax Policy Branch.

Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 150

Tuesday, November 22, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Françoise Boivin, Mark Holland, Yvan Loubier, Hon. John McKay, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Brian Pallister, Charlie Penson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Robert Carrier for Robert Bouchard and Brian Fitzpatrick for Monte Solberg.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Sheena Starky, Analyst. *Standing Committee on Finance:* Richard Dupuis, Clerk of the Committee.

Witnesses: David L. Anderson, M.P., Cypress Hills—Grasslands. *Department of Finance:* Gérard Lalonde, Senior Chief, Tax Policy Branch; Edward Short, Senior Officer, Tax Policy Branch.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, April 14, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-285, An Act to amend the Income Tax Act (exclusion of income received by an athlete from a non-profit club, society or association).

David L. Anderson, Gerald Lalonde and Edward Short made statements and answered questions.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget to conduct the two next quarterly updates of the estimates for the fiscal balance up to March 30, 2006 be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

At 5:16 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 83.1, the Committee resumed its pre-budget consultations 2005.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

At 5:21 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Lafrance
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/23 12:10 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chair: Massimo Pacetti, Lib.

Meeting No. 151

Thursday, November 24, 2005

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 151

Thursday, November 24, 2005

The Standing Committee on Finance met *in camera* at 9:12 a.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, Massimo Pacetti, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rona Ambrose, Robert Bouchard, Mark Holland, Yvan Loubier, Hon. John McKay, Hon. Maria Minna, Massimo Pacetti, Charlie Penson and Judy Wasylycia-Leis.

Acting Members present: Jim Abbott for Brian Pallister, Don H. Bell for Françoise Boivin and Ken Epp for Monte Solberg.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: June Dewetering, Principal; Sheena Starky, Analyst. *Standing Committee on Finance:* Christine Lafrance, Clerk of the Committee.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 9:45 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Dupuis
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/24 1:50 p.m.

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